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## Committee On Casino Holds First Meeting

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

With just five weeks left before Agawam voters decide on a non-binding referendum whether or not casino gambling should be allowed here, a committee of nine volunteers has begun working to help voters make their decision based on factual information.

Appointed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson as a fact-finding group to provide information to town residents on the pros and cons of siting a casino on the grounds of Riverside Park, the Citizens Committee on Casino Gambling held its first meeting in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station on Tuesday, October 4th.

### Bonavita Elected Chairman

As its first order of business, the committee elected Attorney Anthony Bonavita as chairman and retired Robinson Park Principal Barbara Skolnick as vice-chairwoman. School Committee member and local businesswoman Louise David was chosen as the committee's secretary.

Also serving on the committee are residents Paul Rannenberg, James Fogg, Dennis Perry, Nancy West, Edward Borgatti, Jr., and Rudy Altobelli.

Suggested by Johnson and unanimously adopted by the committee, the committee's purpose is to identify the benefits and risks of casino gambling at Riverside Park through research and solicitation of public comment.

Also, the committee is charged with stimulating public dialogue on the non-binding referendum question on the November 8th ballot. The goal of the committee is to provide the residents with as much information as possible to help them make an informed decision when voting on November 8th.

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## Rita Moore Named Big E "Host Of The Day" On October 1st

Rita Moore of Agawam was presented The Big E "Host of the Day" award on October 1, 1994, by Eastern State Exposition President Wayne McCary.

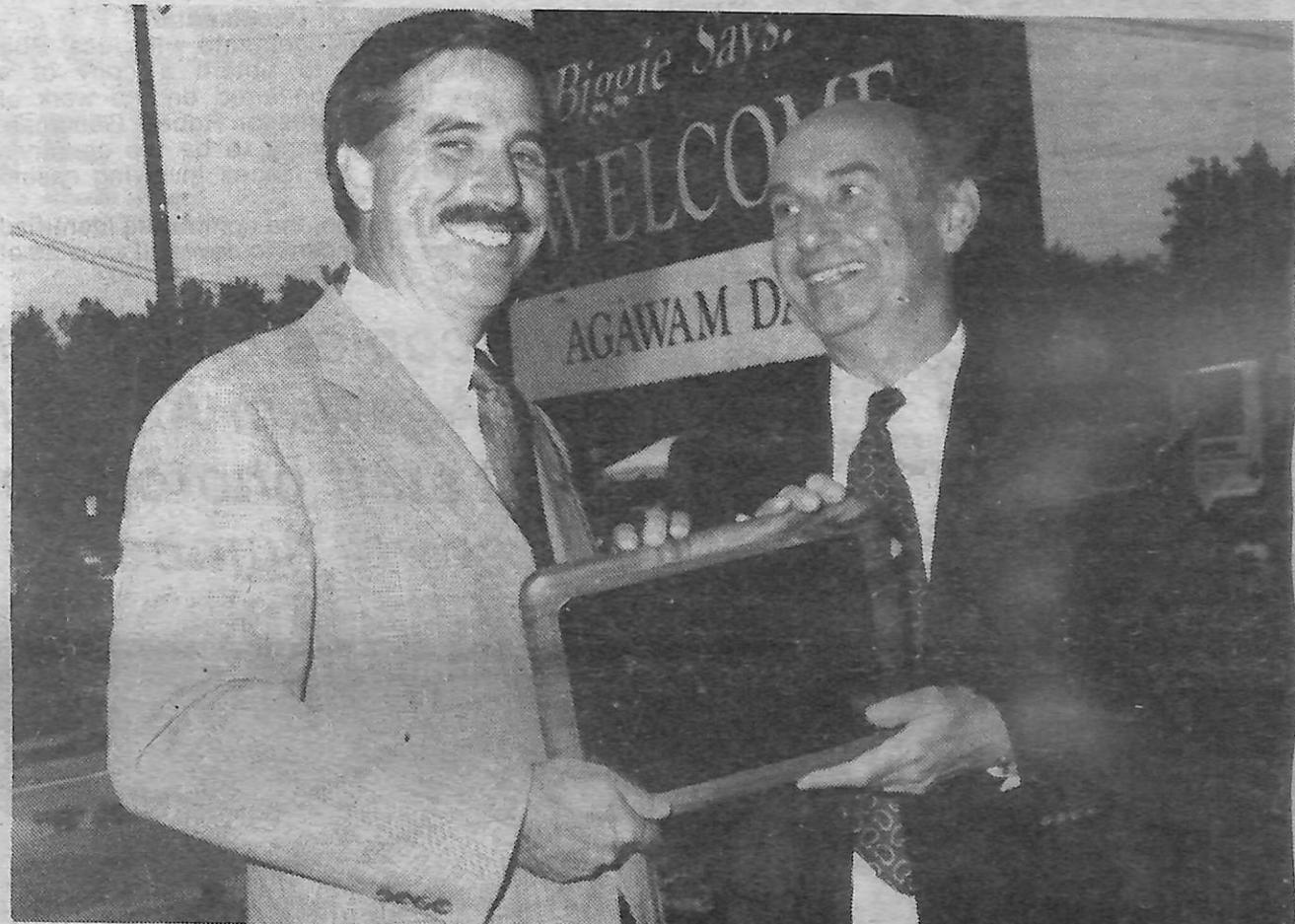
Moore, who has worked at The Big E since 1965, is coordinator of Big E Information Services as well as coordinator of the Fair's extensive free program for schools and other client groups.

The "Host of the Day" award recognizes employees, volunteers, and other members of The Big E family who exemplify the Fair's philosophy of positive customer relations. It has been awarded since 1989 to one individual each day who goes "beyond the call" in his or her interactions with Fairgoers. Moore was selected from more than 1,500 personnel working this year at The Big E.

Moore is a native of Springfield and a long-time resident of Agawam, where she lives with her husband Leslie. She is occupied with her work for The Big E from April to October. She is also a Red Cross volunteer who teaches CPR and First Aid, a member of the National Ski Patrol, and an active church volunteer.

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## BIG E Honors State Rep. Michael Walsh



RETIRING STATE REP. MICHAEL P. WALSH (D-Agawam, left) was presented the "Friend of THE BIG E" Award on Agawam Day for his support of the fair over the years. Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary is making the presentation. Walsh will be honored at a testimonial dinner at Chez Josef on Thursday, October 20th.



RITA MOORE of Agawam was honored as a "Host of the Day" by BIG E President Wayne McCary on Saturday, October 1st.

# Testimonial Slated For Mike Walsh

Townspeople are cordially invited to attend a testimonial dinner for outgoing State Representative Michael P. Walsh on Thursday, October 20th, at Chez Josef. Tickets are \$25 per person. Cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Join Rep. Walsh's family, town officials, and his many friends in an evening to honor his 12 years of devoted service to our community as your representative in Boston. For ticket info, call Barbara Barton-Dunn at 786-7147; Ron Hebert, 786-4962; or Joanne Willis, 789-1360.

## RITA MOORE - from Page 1...

As coordinator of The Big E's program for school and other client groups, Moore arranges over 500 excursions to the Fair each year. As coordinator of Big E Information Services, Moore is responsible for recruiting, training, and supervising the Fair's network of 40 Information booth personnel and telephone operators.

Moore received an engraved plaque and 1994 Big E commemorative gifts at the surprise presentation. "Rita Moore is one of The Big E's best assets," said McCary. "She has been with the Fair as long as anyone can remember. Rita is the kind of person we mean when we talk about The Big E spirit.

"With her tireless energy and organizational skills, she has contributed to the Fair's success for nearly 30 years," said McCary at the ceremony which was attended by many of the Fair's officers, managers, and Moore's co-workers.

The sights and sounds of "New England's Great State Fair" concluded October 2nd in West Springfield. The 74th edition of The Big E will take place September 15th through October 1st next fall.

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### CASINO COMMITTEE - from Page 1...

#### Riverside Representatives To Appear

The committee accepted Johnson's proposed schedule of public meetings (all but one to be televised on cable access channel 5) designed to provide town residents with information from Riverside Park representatives on their River Belle II proposal.

Moreover, the committee will gather information from town officials in communities with casino gambling and present information on the risks and benefits of casino gambling in Agawam.

Mrs. David said the schedule of meetings was "succinct" and covered everything the committee needed to do.

At Johnson's request, Riverside Park President Edward J. Carroll, Jr., distributed information packets detailing his plans to add a riverboat casino and high-rise hotel to his entertainment complex.

Carroll agreed to take committee members on a tour of his site. Another field trip is being planned for the committee to tour the Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard, Connecticut, as well as meeting with town officials there to discuss the impact of the casino in that town.

Mrs. Skolnick said she wanted to serve on the committee because she was concerned about the impact a casino would have on the character of the town.

#### Get Copy Of Documentary

Fogg is making arrangements with local PBS affiliate Channel 57 to obtain a copy of a documentary the station aired on the work of Hampshire College Professor Robert Goodman. He is considered by many to be the country's foremost expert on the issues involving casino gambling.

At Perry's suggestion, the committee identified four main areas of concern to cover all aspects of

the impact the siting of a casino would have on Agawam.

Borgatti said he was concerned with the issue of future growth of the proposed casino and hotel complex. "How far can it go?" he said.

#### Caution About Zoning Changes

Richard Bellico, a member of the Agawam Historical Commission, urged caution in making zoning changes to allow a high-rise hotel at Riverside. "What is approved there will affect the town forever," Bellico said.

Johnson said he is inviting local officials from Ledyard, Atlantic City, and Mississippi communities with casino gambling to attend a panel discussion to be televised on Wednesday, October 26th.

Police Chief Robert Campbell is gathering crime statistics from police departments in communities with casino gambling and will provide that information to the committee.

Carroll said he is receiving support from the community for his proposed casino and hotel complex, especially from people who are looking forward to the additional jobs it will create. Carroll said he is also hearing from people who are thinking about the projected \$5 to \$7 million in additional tax revenue for the town each year.

The Citizens Committee on Casino Gambling will meet on the following dates. Each meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**, Agawam Middle School: Riverside presentation, questions and answers; **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH**, Middle School: Public hearing; **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH**, Middle School: Panel discussion with representatives from other communities with casino gambling; **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**, Community Room, Public Library: Workshop session; and **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**, Middle School Auditorium: Identification of benefits and risks to the community.

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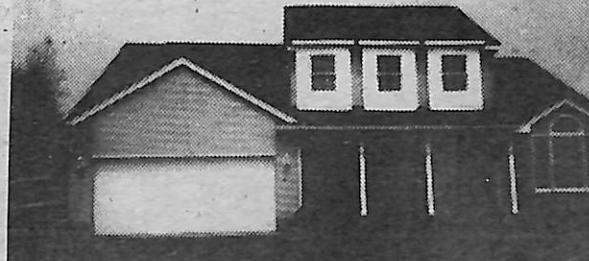
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State Representative



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## Letters To The Editor

### Casino Will Not Enhance Agawam's Quality Of Life

#### To The Editor:

Shedding a little light on the casino propaganda being circulated by The Citizens for Agawam's Economic Future seems in order. The CAEF and the Carroll family are working diligently on the emotions of Agawam citizens to stress the negative economic impact of Riverside's perceived competitors (Foxwoods, and the proposed casino in New Bedford).

These sights are planning for continually operating "Theme" parks sometime in the future. It is important to know that these intentions are not current and involve a business dissimilar to Riverside.

Ed Carroll and CAEF fail to mention the real impact of Riverside's real competitors ... the local seasonal amusement parks such as Lake Compounce, Quassy Amusement Park, and the Big E midway. These competitors must surely impact Riverside more immediately than proposed "Theme" parks do, as they compete for the same seasonal entertainment dollars. These parks operate "on a level playing field" with Riverside at present, but Mr. Carroll doesn't see them as the competition.

The potential threat of a "Theme" park such as Disney World and Universal Studios is a real one only if Riverside chooses not to modernize, enclose, or create a theme park atmosphere for Riverside Park in anticipation of the proposed theme parks. The attempt to prey on the public's emotions regarding lost jobs and revenues is relevant only if Riverside does not create its own theme park to compete equally.

Spending \$100 million on creating a theme park at Riverside is money well spent instead of diverting this sizeable investment in an enterprise Riverside has little or no experience. Strengthening or improving an existing business through current expertise will lead to further success. Make improvements to Riverside as it exists, not on the premise of a non-existent competitor.

The casino issue is a diversion to abandon the seasonal amusement park business in hopes of riding the crest of the latest instant money craze ... casino gambling. The promise of easy money is very alluring. The street drug trade is rife with such a promise, but the "cons" outweigh the pros.

Agawam's quality of life does not need the impact of additional crime, the death of local businesses (theaters, restaurants), reduced property values, and the elimination of moral values.

Building the latest casino has great appeal and may create a short-lived economic boost, as a new casino will surely entice today's gambling patron with the lure of greener pastures in another city. Atlantic City is an example of such fickle public whims.

I would like to ask that each voting citizen and elected town official think carefully about the consequences of the November ballot question regarding casino gambling at Riverside.

Russell Petrucci  
School Street  
Agawam



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## Citizens Against Gambling Happy About First Meeting

#### To The Editor:

On behalf of Citizens Against Casino Gambling, we would like to thank the citizens who packed the Captain Leonard House on Thursday, September 29th, to express their opposition to locating a casino at Riverside Park.

We were impressed with the thoughtful, even-handed nature of the discussion, including the awareness of the predicament faced by Mr. Carroll as he considers the future of Riverside. However, we were also struck by a common commitment to present the facts which point to a dark future for Agawam if Riverside is given the option to open a casino—a license which, once granted, would never be revoked.

We have been told that the Riverside Casino will generate much-needed income for our community; will provide many good jobs; and will have no negative impact on the character of Agawam. Unfortunately, these assertions come directly from Riverside Park, or (more accurately) from Lady Luck Casinos of Las Vegas, an outside corporation which has no interest in Agawam or its future.

Independent studies of casinos opened throughout the country clearly indicate that the municipal income over the long-term will disappear; that the jobs are primarily low-paying and will witness a high turnover; and that the negative impact upon the economy, the infrastructure, and the character of Agawam through the years will be devastating.

Citizens wishing to obtain copies of this fact-based information about the casino, wanting to help us in opposing the casino, or wishing to obtain a "No Casino" lawn sign, can write to us at: **Citizens Against Casino Gambling, P.O. Box 740, Agawam, MA 01001**. Or, you can join us at our second meeting, to be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, on Monday, October 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to planning a safe and secure future for our community and for our region, and for resisting the temptation to gamble away our heritage and our prosperity. Please join us in voting "No Casino" on Tuesday, November 8th.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Leonard Cowan  
Attorney Bradford Martin

## With Riverside's Casino, Jobs Will Remain In Agawam

#### To The Editor:

I have been an employee of Riverside Park for 13 years. So many of you may think I'm biased when I say that a casino is important to the park.

Well, I guess I am a little biased. Why shouldn't I be? Riverside provides me a job.

It is a safe place to work. The people I work with are fun to be with. When I tell people where I work, they know it is an enjoyable place to visit.

So, yes, I am biased, but I have good reason to be. I don't want to lose the things I already have. People tell me that they don't want the town to change. Well, if Riverside doesn't get the casino on its property, the whole town will change, and not for the better, believe me.

And there will be changes for me, too. I won't have a job. That's the kind of change I don't want to see.

Chris Woods  
68 Redwood Dr.  
Agawam

## Past School Policies Allow Lou Conte To Coach

#### To The Editor:

I, as well as many, many others, were of the impression that past policies of the Agawam Schools prevented Lou Conte to coach girls' basketball and boys' baseball at Agawam High School after his promotion to assistant principal at the Agawam Middle School.

But this is not true. The decision to stop Mr. Conte from coaching was solely made by Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder. This upsets me because this is contrary to our democratic principals.

The superintendent's decision to go against what was a long-established policy of the Agawam School System was that of a dictator. This decision is clearly against the wishes of the people of Agawam.

The citizens of our community want an individual with proven leadership qualities and skills to serve as a role model for our young people.

In what better way can this be accomplished than by allowing Mr. Conte to continue coaching?

Thank-you,  
Rudy Altobelli  
Agawam

## Riverside Provides Many With Good Jobs; Deserves Casino

#### To The Editor:

People can believe what they want about casinos and what they might do. There are many studies, facts, and information out there for you to read.

But there is one thing that no one can dispute. Riverside provides jobs for Agawam residents. As a manager that just closed a restaurant in neighboring West Springfield, it wasn't easy to tell 40 people one day, "Sorry, no job."

Let's keep those jobs here, let's keep people working. Let's help Riverside so that they can keep helping us.

Bryan McGrath  
Agawam

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Monday, October 10th  
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Women's Club of Agawam  
At Parish Center of St. John the  
Evangelist Church, 833 Main St.  
8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11th  
Agawam Garden Club Mtg.  
At Captain Leonard House,  
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Wednesday, October 12th  
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Thursday, October 13th  
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## School Committee Okays Terrible Wrong On Conte

### To The Editor:

Last Tuesday evening's (September 27th) School Committee meeting was very well attended by students, parents, teachers, and concerned citizens. Again, the School Committee disappointed us by letting the man they hired dictate to the people of Agawam his decision that if Mr. Conte wants to be the Vice-Principal of the Middle School he cannot coach in Agawam, but he can coach in another school system.

Mr. Ryder and the School Committee listened positively as speakers came to the microphone to praise Mr. Conte as an administrator, coach, and human being, and pleading with Mr. Ryder to change his decision or even reconsider his decision. After Citizen Speak Time was completed, Mr. Ryder proceeded to read a prepared statement, showing all of us that his mind as well as his ears were closed.

As I looked around, I thought of those students going back into their American History class; their teacher will have no difficulty explaining dictatorship, but will have a great deal of difficulty explaining democracy.

The voters who sat there also learned a lesson: they should not feel guilty about the apathy shown in the prior week's low voter turnout—the people we have voted for are letting a man they hired dictate what a wonderful gentleman can do on his own time.

I think the worst part of this situation is total helplessness to right this terrible wrong.

**Kathryn Patterson**  
48 Wrenwood Lane  
Agawam

## Let Conte Coach Our Kids: Reverse A Bad Decision

### To The Editor:

We are writing this letter because we feel compelled to show our support for our good friend, Lou Conte. But just as compelling as our friendship, is the need to stand up and fight for the things in life worth fighting for.

Loyalty, sacrifice, commitment, teamwork, and love exemplify the life and good work of Lou Conte.

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It is difficult for us to understand why we must convince our school administration that they should allow Lou to continue teaching our children these characteristics.

Lou has a gift for being able to communicate the issues of life to our children. Our policies should allow us to take full advantage of the skills of our gifted personnel. Our children are the ones who will benefit.

Listen to the young men and women who have played for Coach Conte and you hear much more than how to field grounders and shoot foul shots. We hear how they have been taught about giving, sacrifice, loyalty, commitment, faith, etc., etc. These are the skills they are taking with them into life to make our society a better place to live.

Please call our Mayor and School Committee members and urge them to ask Superintendent Ryder to change a bad decision and make it a good decision.

**LET LOU CONTE COACH OUR KIDS. IT'S WHAT HE DOES BEST!!!**

Sincerely,  
Brian & April Rheault

## Candidate For Governor Against Casino Gambling

### To The Editor:

Let me state my position on casino gambling as clearly as I can.

I have been and remain adamantly opposed to casino gambling and will use every constitutional means at my disposal to stop Bill Weld's rush to bring casinos to Massachusetts.

At its heart, my campaign for governor is about creating opportunity for people and fighting to restore values and personal responsibility to our society. The detrimental effect casinos would have on our state and values is clear.

If elected governor, I will veto any plan to bring casinos to our state. And this fall I will vigorously fight Weld's misguided casino plan when it is put before the Legislature. However, I fear that the legislative battle may degenerate into a feeding frenzy focusing primarily on dividing up the presumed spoils.

Therefore, if my efforts to stop casinos in the Legislature are defeated, I will then fight to ensure that no casino or slot machine is brought to Massachusetts before the people have an opportunity to speak on this issue through a referendum.

Although I do not believe in government by referendum, there are times when it represents the last available means of stopping powerful special interests from having their way against the public good.

If as governor my legal options are exhausted by losing the fight to sustain my veto, and then by losing a subsequent public referendum, I would of course be forced to obey the law. Then, and only then, would I reluctantly implement a casino plan.

However, I will remain unalterably opposed to the introduction of casino gambling in Massachusetts. As I have stated throughout this campaign, I intend to fight casinos with every means available to me.

Sincerely,  
Mark Roosevelt  
Democratic Candidate  
For Governor

## Primary Voting Procedure Not Fair To Voters

### To The Editor:

The procedure in which the primary voting is performed is really unfair to many registered voters.

For example, in many cases, a registered Republican or a registered Democrat may want to vote for a candidate that is not listed on their ballot, therefore, under the present method, this cannot be accomplished.

The primary ballot should be the same as the one used for election, with the Republican candidates and the Democrat candidates listed on the same ballot showing their designation and the office they seek.

Each candidate would be recognized on the one ballot with an "R" for Republican and a "D" for a Democrat. This would provide the opportunity for each voter to vote for his or her choice.

To deprive a qualified voter to select a candidate he or she prefers to vote for is unfortunate. I see no reason why a one primary ballot cannot be used. Unless I hear a definite reason why this cannot be achieved, I will ask our legislators to place it on the docket for the House and Senate debate.

**Ray Charest**  
57 Hastings St.  
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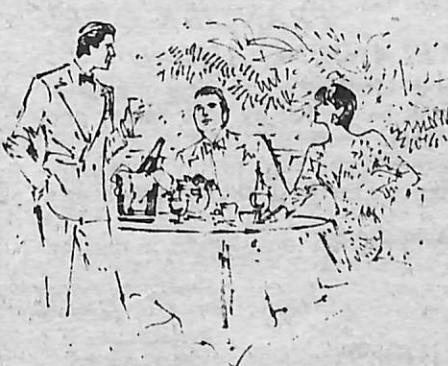
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## Riverside Park From A Gambler's Point Of View

### To The Editor:

Some people say that we should not bring gambling to Agawam. Well, I am sorry to say it's already here. I live in Agawam and I gamble. I go to Ledyard once in a while, and to Atlantic City for some of my vacation time. It's legal recreation.

But closer to home we have a lottery—which is gambling. It's legal and many people in Agawam take advantage of it. Many businesses are selling hundreds or thousands of dollars worth of tickets to Agawam residents so that they can gamble. Agawam gets part of its local aid from this lottery system. Do the opponents of gambling want to give this money back to the state because it came from gambling? I don't ... my taxes are high enough.

Illegal sports gambling is happening all over the country, and I'm sure it's happening in Agawam. It may be illegal, but the newspapers publish the betting lines every day. I'm sure there are many people who don't have enough self-restraint and abuse this form of entertainment. There are people who abuse credit cards, food, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and almost anything you can name. But these things are happening now and we won't stop them.

A casino in Agawam won't create a gambling problem. If someone is addicted and wants to go to a casino, they can go to Ledyard. If they are addicted, a bus ride won't even slow them down.

If Riverside says that they need a casino to stay competitive, we shouldn't tell them "No" then allow all of these other forms of gambling to go on as if they don't exist. Gambling is a part of our lives. At least let's control it by putting it in a setting that can be monitored.

Vi Lacroix  
Feeding Hills

## Taylor Clarifies Reports Of Illegal Meeting

### To The Editor:

I generally do not respond to letters to the editor which cast my public service in a negative light but after reading last week's letters, I feel a factual clarification is in order. Several letters addressed the issue of a Superior Court judge making a determination that there had been an illegal meeting of the Council which I supposedly attended. This is simply not true.

A May 19, 1994 article which appeared in another publication contained an erroneous statement to the effect that Judge William Welch had said that the City Council did break an implied covenant of good faith by holding an illegal meeting. This statement was a mistake which was corrected in the May 24, 1994 edition of that publication. The correction read as follows:

"The [name of publication] incorrectly reported information on May 19 about a lawsuit filed against Agawam by Casimir Tryba, former town sanitarian. In April 1993, Hampden County Superior Court Judge William H. Welch dismissed charges which accused the city council of holding an illegal meeting." [emphasis added]

Copies of the original May 19, 1994 article are being circulated by anonymous sources in an effort to spread incorrect information. I hope that this letter will serve to set the record straight on this issue once and for all.

Very truly yours,  
James D. Taylor  
President - Agawam Town Council  
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## Nixing Conte As Coach Is Contrary To Good Education

### To The Editor:

I would like to express my opinion as a parent of a high school athlete on the recent decision made by Mr. Ryder to not allow Lou Conte to continue to coach the varsity girls' basketball and boys' baseball teams - "I think it stinks."

Mr. Ryder may think he is an educator, but in my opinion he has no idea what education is all about. Education goes further than the classroom; education is all around us, and everyday we live is part of that education. The people we meet in our classrooms, workplace, and yes, "on the field of competition," lead to the nurturing of that education.

Lou Conte is that rare and unique individual who comes along once in a lifetime who can combine his coaching skills not only on the field of play, but also in the nurturing of a young person's life to contribute to the education of that young person. Mr. Conte has stressed that family and school come before athletics; he has expressed this to me as a parent and to my son as a participant of high school sports.

I realize that Mr. Conte has certain responsibilities in the undertaking of his new job, but surely if anyone can, Mr. Conte can handle both responsibilities with all the vigor he has displayed on the field of competition. I feel that Lou Conte's loss on the field of competition will be each and everyone's loss who has ever stepped on the basketball court or the baseball field.

Mr. Ryder should wake up and smell the roses because that one "special rose" may come only once in a lifetime, and it would be a shame to let it die before we get a chance to experience its presence in our children's lifetime.

A concerned parent,  
Jim Baldyga  
Feeding Hills

## Letter Writers Owe Apology To Bitzas & Taylor

### To The Editor:

"None so blind as those who will not see."  
-Mathew Henry (1662-1714)

On May 24, 1994, certain print media carried on page 9 of its local edition the following:

### Correction:

AGAWAM - [A published story] incorrectly reported information on May 19 about a lawsuit filed against Agawam by Casimir Tryba, former town sanitarian.

In April 1993, Hampden County Court Judge William H. Welch dismissed charges which accused the city council of holding an illegal meeting.

A copy of the correction is available at the public libraries in Agawam and Springfield.

It would seem that certain letter writers owe an apology to Mr. Bitzas and Mr. Taylor, as well as to the mayor and the rest of the city council.

Sincerely,  
Donald McCave  
14 Wilson St.  
Agawam

## Casino Traffic "Just A Matter Of Planning"

### To The Editor:

As I was going to the Big E, I watched how they handled traffic this year. For some reason, the traffic didn't seem to be that bad.

I believe that the traffic was easier because the Big E had extended the number of days it was open this year. People had more of an opportunity to go to the fair, and the numbers were spread out over a longer period of time.

October 6, 1994  
When I compare this to the traffic at Riverside, it makes sense that if a casino is open all year and all day, that people will be able to go at any time. This means that the traffic will not be a problem at any one time during the day.

I believe that Riverside has handled the traffic in the past, and with good planning will handle it in the future.

Joseph W. La Porte, Sr.  
79 Perry Lane  
Agawam, MA 01001

## Sign In Feeding Hills Center Offensive To Resident

### To The Editor:

Over the last six weeks, I have driven by the old Feeding Hills Pharmacy approximately 50 times. Each time I have seen on the marquee outside the store "Do LSD." Previously, the sign read "Thank you, Bob and Nel." Apparently some idiot thought their idea was better and removed and rearranged the letters to read the above.

Besides being very close to an elementary school and the Junior High, the thing that bothers me the most is that cruisers park across the street on a daily basis looking for speeders; all of our "wonderful" candidates have stood on the corners adjacent to the sign; and, as of today (October 1st), it is STILL THERE!

Just this morning, the Mayor was holding a sign and waving for Jim Taylor, who was standing on the opposite corner. I guess their eyesight is not what it should be.

Hopefully, this situation will be rectified in the very near future because I reported this to someone at Stop & Shop, who leases the building.

Peggy Baldyga  
Feeding Hills

## Deeply Concerned About Secret Meeting On Tryba

### To The Editor:

I am a first-time letter writer to your newspaper. Like many of your readers, I have been reading the never-ending letters on the city councilors' secret meeting. Before I get into this matter, I wish to comment on an article which appeared in another newspaper.

Mayor Christopher Johnson and City Council President James Taylor stated, in Saturday's edition, that Route 57 and the casino proposed for Riverside Park are the two issues most on the minds of the voters. While this may be true, I would add one other issue which is on the minds of voters. That is ... the secret meeting in which the City Councilors, allegedly, became involved with concerning the Tryba case.

How many letters have to be written to your newspaper asking James Taylor if he, as a City Councilor, attended this secret meeting? Doesn't Mr. Taylor realize that he is a candidate for the prestigious office of State Representative which demands a person of trust and moral standing?

Doesn't Mr. Taylor realize that he has an obligation to the voters to respond to the question on the secret meeting? Doesn't Mr. Taylor realize that by his refusal to respond to the question, that he is thumbing his nose to voters that he wants to represent in Boston?

It is immaterial to me what a Superior Court Judge had to say about the meeting, I want to know what City Council President James Taylor has to say.

So, here we go, one more time ... Mr. James Taylor, did you, as a City Councilor, attend the secret meeting concerning the elimination of the sanitation position once held by Casimir Tryba?

Barry Belcher  
47 Walnut Street  
Agawam

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## LETTERS - from Page 6...

## Town Deserves To Know About Secret Meeting

## To The Editor:

There have been three editions of *The Agawam Advertiser News* published since Dan Moraski asked that (now famous) question: Did either George Bitzas or James Taylor attend a secret meeting?

It is evident to me that if neither party had attended a secret meeting, they would answer the question with a resounding ... NO! As far as I know, both Mr. Bitzas and Mr. Taylor have avoided the question on the secret meeting.

Jim Taylor's full-page advertisement (page 33) of *The Advertiser News* was "one for the books." He compared his accomplishments as a city councilor with Dan Keenan's record. How could Dan Keenan have a record as a councilor, since he is not a member of said city council? But ... the bottom half of his advertisement "took the cake."

While JAMES TAYLOR refuses to admit or deny his presence at the secret meeting, his ad claims that he is a proven leader with a "name you know and trust."

Please, Mr. Taylor, how can anyone be expected to trust a candidate who turns his back on THE PUBLIC'S DEMAND FOR AN ANSWER ON THE SECRET MEETING?

Your refusal to discuss the secret meeting, in my judgement, has produced negative voter confidence in your quest for the State House.

Robert Dudley  
57 Point Grove Road  
Southwick, MA

## Council Breaks Covenant: The Meeting Was Still Secret

## To The Editor:

I wish to direct this letter to City Council President James Taylor.

During Monday evening's (October 3rd) City Council meeting, you made a point before adjourning that Superior Court Judge William Welch never said, as reported in another newspaper, that a particular meeting was illegal.

While the judge may not have specifically referred to a meeting as being illegal, neither did he state that the meeting was **not illegal**. This is a matter of judgement. While you prefer to look at the glass as "half full," I view it as "half empty."

For certain, the meeting in question was neither public nor official. I prefer to call it secret!

Judge William Welch did say, and I quote from the newspaper article, "THE CITY COUNCIL DID BREAK AN IMPLIED COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH."

It is obvious to me and it should be obvious to you, Councilor Taylor, that the City Council would not have broken "an implied covenant of good faith" by holding an official public meeting.

As a registered voter and as a citizen of Agawam, I asked you the following question: did you, in your capacity as President of the City Council, attend the meeting in which Judge William Welch stated, "THE CITY COUNCIL DID BREAK AN IMPLIED COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH"?

Brian E. La Bombard  
1485 Suffield Street  
Apt. 74  
Agawam, MA 01001

## Old Agawam Brownie Upset About Secret Meeting

## To The Editor:

By way of introduction, my name is Ed St. Peter. Presently, I live in Southwick and I am consultant with a family-owned business.

I am proud to say I am an "OLD AGAWAM BROWNIE" from the Class of 1944. We just celebrated our 50th class reunion on Saturday, October 1st at Alexander's Restaurant. I had the privilege of serving on the reunion committee with some great classmates. I cannot begin to tell you what a wonderful time was had by all.

Conversations were plentiful and, of course, varied, just what one would expect at a class reunion. There was the usual talk of classmates, teachers, town activities and, of course, Agawam football. Now, enter Agawam politics.

The political question started like this, "Can you believe that a City Councilor (JAMES TAYLOR), who is running for Mike Walsh's seat, refuses to divulge if he had attended a secret meeting?"

The consensus was that it is hard to believe that a public official would disregard his constituents' right to know. A right that every citizen within the Town of Agawam must know.

Needless to say, James Taylor has a lot of explaining and patching up to do before the November election. Patch, if he will, but, as an independent voter, I will not be casting my vote for James Taylor in this year's State Representative race.

Edward St. Peter  
Apt. 18 - Depot St.  
Southwick

## The Agawam Advertiser News

## Agawam High Ski Team Seeking Public Support

## To The Editor:

The Agawam High School Ski Team is looking forward to another successful year on the slopes. We had 24 team members last season and hope to expand to 30 members this season. The 1993/94 team did a super job and several team members went on to compete in the State Finals.

The ultimate goals of achievement such as Olympic competition are met, many times, through participation in high school team sports. Unfortunately, educational budget cuts take their toll on team sports. This season, these cuts have left our team without financial support for even basic transportation or practice time.

In order to insure the general safety of the team on the mountain and the ability for the team to compete on a high level, we need the practice time and the coaching that are so essential.

With that in mind, we would appreciate your enthusiastic support for the Ski Team with a generous donation.

A volunteer Ski Team Association parent will be calling you shortly to answer any questions you might have. On behalf of the team, we thank you in advance for your generous support and donation.

Sincerely,  
JoAnn Stirraci Trauschke  
Secretary/Agawam Ski Team  
Parents Association

## Youth Cheerleaders Pleased With Fundraising Car Wash

## To The Editor:

To the parents, friends, and Agawam townspeople, thank you for supporting the Agawam Youth Cheerleaders' car wash on September 10th.

We raised over \$400 in four hours. Needless to say, the girls were very busy.

The cheerleaders also wanted to say a GREAT BIG thanks to those parents who spent the entire day helping the girls with the washing and reaching the tops of the cars: dads Roger Cardin, Dave Delucca, Mike Bodurtha, and Mike Santos; also, mothers Claire Cardin, Gail Santos, Lisa Atkins, Cheryl Beauchane, and Hilary Weisgerber.

To the moms who helped with the bake sale, thanks to all of you. Lastly, a very special thanks to Sheree Cardin, Stephanie Karam, and Kristen Ferguson, who helped wherever needed.

If we have missed anyone, you know your help was needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,  
The Car Wash Committee  
& Agawam Youth Cheerleaders

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## Ed Carroll Holds Neighborhood Meeting On Riverside Casino

Ed Carroll, Jr., owner and operator of Riverside Park, held his first neighborhood meeting with Agawam residents on Sunday, October 2nd, to discuss Riverside's proposal to place a riverboat casino entertainment facility next to the amusement park.

Twenty-three people, mostly from the River Road area, gathered at the home of Dave Chechile of 134 River Road to talk with Carroll.

"We had a great meeting—the conversation was open and candid. Our neighbors had a chance to express their concerns about a variety of issues, and to offer some important suggestions to us," Carroll reported.

The evening began with a 20-minute briefing on the project, including the economic benefits that the project would bring to the residents of Agawam. Carroll explained that based on legislation pending at the State House, Agawam would receive an additional \$5 million to \$7 million in tax revenue each year.

"This will be about a 25 percent increase in tax revenues for our town ... money that will definitely help keep the lid on property taxes, and will enable our community to invest much more in services like education and public safety," Carroll stated.

Additionally, the project will create nearly 1,500 permanent full-time job for area residents.

Chechile, the host of the meeting, said, "Riverside has a commitment to working with the residents and neighborhoods of Agawam. I stopped by the Information Center on Springfield Street and asked if Mr. Carroll would come to a meeting for the River Road area. I was excited when they said, 'Of course,' and Mr. Carroll came ready to answer any and all questions."

The most discussed item at the meeting was the question of traffic. Carroll explained in great detail the plans that Riverside is putting together to handle any increase in traffic. Carroll pledged to design the entrance to the facility so that there will not be traffic back-ups.

"We will have an extra wide driveway, dedicated turn lanes, a new traffic signal, and a security post. We will also improve the River Road/Main Street intersection and the South Street/Main Street intersections to keep traffic flowing," he explained.

"Regardless of what you hear from naysayers, traffic will not be a problem. Remember, we are part of this community and have been for 54 years; we would never propose anything that would change the wonderful character of our town," stressed Carroll.

Chechile said, "Not everyone came to the meeting with their minds made up on how to vote in November, but everyone was genuinely interested in hearing from Ed (Carroll) and appreciated his presentation. I think he definitely made it clear that Riverside wants this to work for everyone in Agawam."

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## 1995 Real Estate Tax Bills Have Been Sent

The first-half real estate tax bills for fiscal year 1995 were mailed on September 30th, 1994. These bills show the total taxes for fiscal year 1995 and the payments that are due by November 1, 1994 and May 1, 1995.

The amount due by November 1, 1994 represents the first-half tax bill. Any variances between that amount and the "amount now due" reflect betterment assessments or liens for unpaid water and sewer accounts. Any questions concerning payments should be addressed to the Collector's Office. All first-half payments are due by November 1, 1994.

In addition, Massachusetts state law requires taxpayers to pay the bill whether it is received or not. Anyone who has not received their real estate tax bill should contact the Collector's Office immediately. The telephone number is 786-0400, extension 218.

The first-half tax bills for fiscal year 1995 are payable in full on November 1, 1994. If payment is not received by the due date, interest at the rate of 14 percent will be charged on the amount of the payment that is unpaid and overdue. Interest is computed on overdue second-half real estate tax payments from October 1, 1994 to the date payment is made.

**Payments are considered made when received by the Collector.** Taxpayers should allow sufficient time for the United States Postal Service to process the mail if payments are made by mail. A payment mailed on November 1st will not reach the Collector's Office by November 1, 1994.

Total 1995 real estate taxes are \$20,788,608.88. First-half real estate bills include 11,060 taxable parcels of land, and total real estate taxes of \$10,394,326.71. The tax shown is based on the assessment as of January 1, 1994.

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## Council Favorably Reviews Law To Stymie Trespassing At Schools

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

At its October 3rd meeting, Town Council voted to accept the first reading of an ordinance regulating trespassing and loitering in the town's schools and school zones.

Submitted by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson with the unanimous approval of the School Committee, the ordinance seeks to impose a \$300 fine on unauthorized persons in school or school zones during school hours.

Written to parallel draft legislation approved by the office of the state's Attorney General, the ordinance will come under the review of the Attorney General if enacted by Town Council.

In addition to prohibiting anyone without a legitimate reason from remaining on school property, the ordinance prohibits the use of a school's playground or facilities without the permission of the building principal during school hours; congregating on school property with the purpose of annoying or molesting the students or school employees or preventing them from entering or leaving the school; distributing written material to students without the permission of the building principal; or attaching materials promoting any business or organization on school grounds without permission of the principal.

### Councilors Voice Their Opinions

As a former School Committee member, Councilor Walter Balboni said the measure was "a long time coming," but warned that it was only as good as the enforcement behind it.

"If it's not going to be enforced, it shouldn't even be considered," Balboni said.

Councilor Thomas Ennis proposed and later withdrew an amendment stiffening the penalty to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or 30 days in jail when it was suggested by Councilor Nancy Thompson-Gravel that the ordinance be submitted to the Agawam Police Department for its review and input.

Council Vice-President George Bitzas suggested that the measure be sent to the council's ordinance committee for review. But councilors voted to send the ordinance directly to Town Solicitor Thomas Locke for his review and opinion.

Council President James Taylor pointed out that violations of town ordinances are not handled by the criminal courts, and it may not be possible to include jail time in the penalties.

Taylor said the ordinance should be reviewed by the Ordinance Committee and forwarded to the town solicitor with their recommendations on amending the penalties for violations of the proposed ordinance.

Taylor later said he was unaware of any other town ordinance stipulating jail time for violators.

At its next meeting on October 17th, the council can approve the second and third readings of the ordinance, which will then be forwarded to the Attorney General for review.



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**THANK YOU** to the citizens who packed the Captain Leonard House for our first meeting, September 29th.

**JOIN US** for our second meeting, **Monday, Oct. 17th, 7 PM**, at the Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam, to obtain further information, and to find out how you can support this campaign for a secure future.

**Citizens Against Casino Gambling  
P.O. Box 740  
Agawam, MA (Tel. 789-2272)**

**NO CASINO**





## Looking Back...

Compiled and edited by David C. Gallano

### October 1973

#### OCTOBER 2nd - DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TRIES TO EASE 'CRITICAL' SITUATION

The Industrial and Commercial Development Commission is swinging into action to combat what Town Manager James Westman called "a critical industrial situation" here.

"If the town does not attract new industry, we must face the fact of growing into a bedroom community," Westman said. He noted that with a lack of industry, the sole basis of tax revenue is from residential taxes, a situation which encourages more expensive homes and "discourages young married couples and the elderly."

Carlo Bonavita, commission chairman, confirmed the commission is currently actively working with several industrial concerns by helping name possible locations in town.

#### OCTOBER 3rd - AGAWAM CLIFF KIBBE TO STEP DOWN

It is possible that the timing was not right for Clifford Kibbe. He took over as football coach at Agawam High in 1968, too close to the wonder years of Harry Leonardi.

Leonardi succeeded Harmon Smith and both produced winning teams regularly with AA Conference crowns for Leonardi from 1964-66, and a 26-game conference unbeaten streak ending in 1967.

The Kibbe years have not produced winners with the exception of the 5-3 team in 1970.

Now Kibbe is ending his association with football. He will retain the post of athletic director but is uncertain about his future as basketball coach.

#### OCTOBER 5th - AGAWAM POLICE FACE STUDY AS MANAGER ACTS

Town Manager James D. Westman announced today he will ask the International Police Chiefs Association to conduct a thorough study of the Police Department. The decision was triggered by the September 24th theft of 120 pounds of marijuana from a tool shed behind the police station.

Westman's next step will be to seek a cost figure from the Police Chiefs Association to conduct the study. Westman said the department needs "a total going over from top to bottom." He admitted that the marijuana incident "made the mood right for an investigation."

The study will involve investigation into the entire operation, including procedures, structural organizations, use of manpower and shift assignments, establishing a chain of command, reporting procedures and maintenance of records. He explained the investigation "is not a witch hunt. I am looking for recommendations to upgrade the department."

#### OCTOBER 9th - BIG BAND WALKS, STRUTS FOR DOLLARS

Agawam High School band, the only band in New England to be invited to the National Marching Band Contest in Philadelphia, will stage a "Marchathon" Saturday to raise money for the trip.

The band won the invitation to the national contest to be held October 20th by placing in the top five in the Northeast Regional playoffs held in New York City. The competition in Philadelphia will include 36 of the top high school bands in the United States.

#### OCTOBER 11th - FUNDS TRANSFERRED FOR EMPLOYEE PAY BOOST

Town Council last night authorized the transfer of \$71,882 from the General Reserve Fund to allow a four percent salary increase for town employees.

Also approved was a new amendment to the town code to upgrade the pay schedule for town employees in a short meeting that was adjourned for the council's regular work session.

#### OCTOBER 14th - BAND MARATHON RAISES \$4,300 FOR TRIP

Persons may have thought they were donating money for shoes as the Agawam High School Marching Band earned approximately \$4,300 Saturday for a trip to the National Marching Band Championships.

More than half of the band members ended up barefoot, but the faces were happy as they completed the 10-mile performances along the route in Feeding Hills. The tour took six hours.

The 108 members participating in the marathon raised approximately \$3,800 in pledges, Band Director Darcy B. Davis reported. He said \$544 was collected in cash along the route.

#### OCTOBER 15th - SPRINGFIELD WON'T GIVE AGAWAM A BREAK AT BONDI'S ISLAND

Springfield has notified Agawam that it will not be given preferential consideration for treatment of its sewage at the Bondi's Island plant, Town Manager Westman said today.

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## FireWise

by Fire Chief David Pisano

### National Fire Prevention Week

The Agawam Fire Department will be observing Fire Prevention Week from October 10th through October 14th.

Fire Prevention Week commemorates one of the worst fires in American history—the 1871 Great Chicago Fire. On October 9th of that year, 250 people died and over 17,000 buildings were destroyed in a fire where the property damage was estimated at \$169 million.

The Fire Marshal's Association established Fire Prevention Day in 1911 to publicize the fire problem. In 1922, President Warren G. Harding proclaimed National Fire Prevention Week, and since that time the National Fire Protection Association has been the official sponsor of Prevention Week activities throughout the nation.

However, the Agawam Fire Department wants

you to remember that fire safety should be practiced every day, and offers the following suggestions:

- Install and maintain smoke detectors on every level of your home.
- Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your family.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the hands of children.
- Have home heating systems and chimneys inspected by a professional.
- Store flammable liquids in safety cans and outside the house.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

### "JIM CARES ABOUT OUR CHILDREN"

- \* Jim has voted for \$46,429,131 in funding for the Agawam Public Schools (TR-92-40; TR-93-45; TR-94-17)
- \* Jim has VOTED for uncapping State Lottery accounts to provide funding for public schools in Massachusetts
- \* Jim has VOLUNTEERED his time to make the AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS better (Read Aloud Program & Project S.E.E)
- \* Jim SUPPORTS providing a dedicated state funding source for implementation of the new education reform law.

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## Referendum On Casino Gambling Will Be Question 11 On Ballot

Ed Carroll, Jr., President of Riverside Park, has announced that the Secretary of State's office has determined that the referendum question asking voters whether Riverside could be allowed to operate a casino facility in a secluded section of land next to the amusement park will be Question 11 on the ballot.

"A 'YES' vote on Question 11 is a vote to bring enormous new tax revenues into Agawam that will help to hold down property taxes and to create thousands of new jobs for area residents," Carroll explained.

"We fully expect, based on legislation pending at the State House, that this facility will generate between \$5 and \$7 million every year in new tax revenue for Agawam alone," he said, adding, "This increase would reflect a 25 percent increase in the town budget without any additional payments from the residents of Agawam."

Carroll continued, "The new revenue would ease the property tax burden on Agawam taxpayers, and allow our community to move ahead with important projects that will improve our town."

Among the projects that Carroll suggested the town could put the new revenue towards were "education and public safety services; things like computers in the classrooms; much-needed school building repairs and improvements; capital expenditures for fire equipment and upgrading the Fire House; the Senior Center Expansion; the rehabilitation of parks and recreational facilities; and building new public recreational sites throughout Agawam."

Several months ago, Carroll requested that the City Council have the referendum question placed on the ballot so that the residents of Agawam could be involved in the issue.

"We are committed to Agawam. Over the past 54 years, our family has built Riverside into the largest amusement park in New England. We are the largest taxpayer and the largest employer in town. And we have always worked closely with the town. We need this facility so that we can remain competitive, and the economic benefits it will bring to everyone in town will brighten Agawam's economic future," explained Carroll.

Riverside's proposal is to build a riverboat casino/entertainment facility in a secluded section of their property, with a hotel, parking, and a separate driveway. The facility would employ nearly 1,500 workers after construction.

## "Republican Of The Year" Banquet Has Been Cancelled

Due to circumstances beyond its control, the Agawam Republican City Committee has had to cancel the "Republican Of The Year" Banquet which was to be held on October 13, 1994 at Chez Josef.

If you have purchased a ticket (or tickets) for this affair, please contact the ticket seller to receive your refund.

### LOOKING BACK - from Page 9...

Wylie C. Hubbard, Springfield Director of Public Works, cited the lack of a contract with the town as the reason for his decision.

Agawam has not signed the contract and has held out for preferential treatment.

Westman argued that since the facility was located in Agawam, the town should be given a financial break.

According to an old 1939 contract, which was negotiated when the present sewage treatment plant was constructed, Agawam would pay an amount equivalent to what Springfield paid in lieu of taxes.

Hubbard has declared the 1939 contract, which had no termination date specified, null and void.

### LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM

#### INVITATIONS FOR BIDS AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sealed proposals for SNOW PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL will be received until 4:00 P.M. on Monday, October 24, 1994 at the Agawam Housing Authority office at Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001. Specifications available at office.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Town Council asked us to print the name, address, and phone number of each council member the first of every month. Please clip & save.

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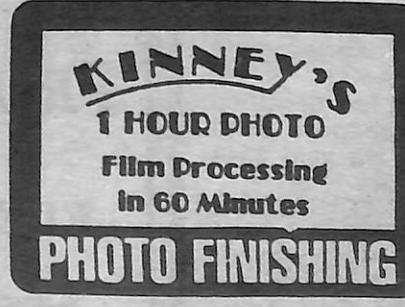
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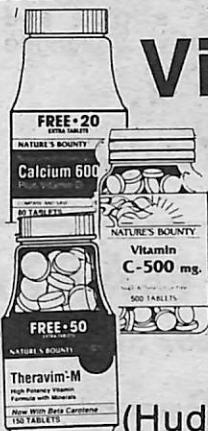
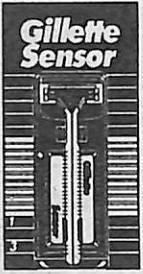
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## Likes Open Space



AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT James D. Taylor, candidate for State Rep., enjoys the wide open spaces of Tuckahoe Turf Farm with his niece, Kelly. Taylor, who grew up in Feeding Hills, supported the town's purchase of the property to preserve open space. "Our children and grandchildren should be able to enjoy a piece of Agawam the way it used to be," said Taylor.

## Committee To Elect James D. Taylor To Meet Oct. 7th

The Taylor Committee to elect James D. Taylor State Representative will meet October 7th at 7:30 p.m. at 707 River Road in Agawam.

Jim Taylor works for you. He hears you. If you have questions concerning local and state government, you may stop by on committee night. Mr. Taylor will be available to answer your questions.

The Taylor Committee can be reached at 786-0300.

Coffee and refreshments will be served.

## Candidates' Forum & Coffee Hour Slated For October 15th

The Agawam Council of Condominiums, a voluntary association of condominiums located in Agawam, will sponsor a Candidates' Forum and Coffee Hour on Saturday, October 15, 1994 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

The two candidates for State Representative of the Third Hampden District, Jim Taylor (R) and Dan Keenan (D), will be the Council's guests. The program will consist of a presentation by each candidate and their responses to written questions from the audience.

Because condominium residents comprise a significant percentage of Agawam's voting population, the Council is offering this opportunity to residents to become better informed about the candidates and the issues.

Condominium residents interested in attending the Candidates' Forum should contact Plotkin & Associates at 732-2158 by Thursday, October 13, 1994.

## Agawam Democratic Comm. Endorses Keenan For State Rep.

The Agawam Democratic Committee has formally endorsed Attorney Daniel F. Keenan for State Representative for the Third Hampden District. In a unanimous vote, committee members endorsed Keenan at their September meeting and pledged their ongoing support to ensure his victory in the November 8th General Election.

Attorney Keenan attended the meeting and, in a moving speech, outlined his philosophical approach to government. He believes that listening to and understanding people's concerns and subsequently addressing those concerns will be his major thrust in Boston.

In separate motions, the Democrats expressed their active and public support of Attorney Keenan and the Democratic state of candidates for federal and state offices. Members praised Keenan for his grass roots efforts and demonstrated their unity of purpose in working to keep the seat Democratic.

## Best local news



OUTGOING STATE REP. Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) has officially endorsed the state rep. candidacy of fellow Democrat Daniel Keenan.

## Michael P. Walsh Endorses Keenan For State Rep. Seat

Daniel Keenan, candidate for State Representative for the Third Hampden District, has received the full support of outgoing State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam).

Walsh, who has represented the Third Hampden District for 12 years, decided not to seek re-election.

In endorsing Keenan, Representative Walsh stated, "I believe Dan Keenan has the talent and ability to best represent all the people of the Third Hampden District."

Walsh continued, "Whether pushing for the completion of Phase II of Route 57, or fighting for quality education for all our children, I know Dan will do the best job for the people of the Third Hampden District."

Keenan, an attorney, is gratified to receive Walsh's support.

"Mike Walsh has worked extremely hard to ably represent the Third Hampden District. I want to continue that standard of a State Representative who works hard and listens to the people he represents," stated Keenan.

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### Taylor Supports Legislative Session Of Six Months

Agawam City Council President James D. Taylor, candidate for State Representative, recently came out in support of a six-month legislative session.

Taylor announced that he considers the full-year session an unnecessary length of time to do the work required by legislators. Taylor suggested that the work could be done just as effectively in six months.

"By shortening the session to six months, we could eliminate the bureaucracy that is clogging the entire legislative process. Legislators would go to work knowing that there was a deadline. They would have to get things done efficiently."

"Look at last year. In 1993, the House of Representative's legislative year went well into January of 1994. They're so caught up in their own bureaucracy that they can't even keep the session to a year!" Taylor said.

Currently there are 39 states that operate on a shortened session. "If they're getting things done in six months, there is no reason why we can't. By staying on a full-year session, we aren't doing more than the states with short sessions, we're just taking longer to do it," stated Taylor.

Besides increased efficiency, there are many other advantages to having a shortened legislative session. A part-time legislature would cost less to the taxpayers of Massachusetts. Salaries for legislators, staff, and administrative support would be greatly reduced.

"The first step toward shrinking the size of government is to shrink the length of the legislative session," Taylor said. "If I am elected on November 8th, I will work to cut the session to six months. I will play an active role in eliminating bureaucracy and saving the taxpayers money."

### Taylor & Keenan To Meet In Forum On Cable TV

There will be a forum between Attorney Daniel Keenan and James Taylor, both candidates for State Representative from the Third Hampden District, on Monday night, October 24th at Agawam Middle School, at 7:00 p.m.

This forum will be shown live on Continental Cablevision. This program will also be repeated on dates to be announced.

Ernest Therrien will be the moderator and questions will be taken from the audience.

This forum is sponsored by the Agawam Democratic Committee.

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1994 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of ASPEN SQUARE MANAGEMENT, INC., which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the utilization of additional parking spaces already constructed at the premises identified as 59-63 SOUTH WESTFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,  
Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

Published: October 6, 1994

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Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission

Published: October 6, 1994

## IRS Releases Names Of Residents Who Have Refunds Coming

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is trying to make the perfect tax match — between taxpayers and their missing federal tax refunds.

"The IRS has \$832,065.81 in unclaimed refund checks for some 1,496 Massachusetts residents. The checks, that have been returned by the Postal Service as undeliverable, range in size from \$1 to \$40,343," said Francine Crowley, Boston IRS District Director.

Included on the list from Agawam is Raymond J. McCusker, and from Feeding Hills, Charles A. Buxton, Jr.

The IRS is encouraging taxpayers who think they are due a federal tax refund they didn't receive to call them at 1-800-829-1040.

Every year, thousands of checks are returned because the address on the tax return was not legible or the taxpayer moved and did not leave a

forwarding address. To help solve this problem, the IRS has a simple one-page form that can be used by individuals and businesses to alert the IRS to a new address, Form 8822, "Change of Address." To obtain a copy of this form, call toll-free 1-800-829-3676.

"One of the best ways to avoid misdirected refund checks is to use the peel-off label in the tax package," said Crowley. Any name or address correction should be made on the label itself. To minimize the possibility of tax refunds going astray, you should consider filling your tax return electronically, and elect to have the refund directly deposited into your savings or checking account.

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## Agawam Obituaries

### Albert J. Christopher

Albert J. Christopher, 74, of 170 Meadow Street, the owner and founder of Christopher Farms in Agawam, died Tuesday at home.

Born in Agawam, he lived in town all of his life. He was a graduate of Stockbridge School of Agriculture in Stockbridge, Mass.

Christopher founded Christopher Farms in 1942. In 1944, during World War II, he purchased Randell Farm on Main Street consisting of 75 acres. He grew potatoes for a naval base in Rhode Island, and prisoners of war worked on his farm as farm hands during the war.

In 1949, Christopher purchased the Meadows in Agawam and acquired an additional 115 acres. He farmed a total of 190 acres of corn and vegetables. He is most noted for his corn and in 1950 was given the name "Corn King."

In 1955, he went into the flower business and supplied supermarket chain stores, such as Food Mart, Stop & Shop, and A & P with corn, flowers, and vegetables. In the 1960's, Christopher planted in 16 different fields in Agawam, totaling 315 acres, 115 of which were designated for corn. He also owned a roadside stand on Meadow Street for 50 years which he ran with his wife, Jennie.

In 1984, Christopher retired and turned over the family business to his son, Thomas Christopher.

In 1933, Christopher was awarded the reserve champion 4H Baby Beef Award. He was active in 4H service clubs, and had an award named after him for outstanding achievement in agriculture. He was founder of the FFA (Future Farmers of America), which was organized in West Springfield, and a founder of the Agawam UNICO Club 28 years ago. He was a charter and life member of that club.

He was an honorary member of the Agawam Lions Club and Agawam Polish Club, and for 10 years was the president of the Agawam/West Springfield Fish & Game Club. Christopher also served as secretary and treasurer of the Springfield Farmers Coop Market for 25 years, and was a member of the New England Vegetable Growers Association and the Mass. Farm Bureau Federation.

He leaves his wife of 54 years, Jennie (Petrangelo) Christopher; a son, Thomas J. Christopher of Feeding Hills; three daughters, Janice M. Koth of Poquoson, Virginia, Cathy M. Christopher of Feeding Hills, and Ann Marie Christopher of Agawam; a brother, Michael Christopher of Springfield; four sisters, Henrietta "Riga" Santaniello of Longmeadow, Flora Miele of Ludlow, Mary Christopher of Springfield, and Antoinette Circosta of West Springfield; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be on Friday morning from Colonial Funeral Home, Main Street, Agawam, with a liturgy of Christian burial in St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, followed by burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boston Children's Hospital, Development Office, 30 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.

### Angela Ferrentino

Angela (DeCaro) Ferrentino, 49, of 219 Mill Street, Agawam, died Monday at Mercy Hospital.

She was born in Bracigliano, Salerno, Italy, and came to Springfield in 1956. She moved to Agawam in 1977.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield.

She leaves her husband, Mario Ferrentino; two sons, Alphonse at home, and Luigi of Agawam; a daughter, Maria Luisa Ferrentino at home; her mother, Carmela DeCaro of Springfield; three brothers, Joseph and Frank of Agawam; and Luigi Jr. of Springfield; and a granddaughter.

The funeral was on Thursday morning at Tazzini Funeral Home in Springfield, and the church, with burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,  
Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

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### Bertha Phillips Stillerman

Bertha (Tuber) Phillips Stillerman, 92, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, manager of the former Phillips Department Store in Springfield for many years, died at home.

Born in Patterson, New Jersey, she lived in Springfield most of her life. She moved to Miami, Florida in 1960, but returned to Springfield in 1980 and lived in Agawam for the past five years.

She was a member of Hadassah and Mizrachi, and a former member of the Beth Israel Synagogue. She also was a volunteer for the American Red Cross and a life member of the Cancer Research Association.

Her first husband, Oscar Phillips, died in 1958 and her second husband, Myer Stillerman, died in 1975. She leaves a son, Michael Phillips of Springfield; two daughters, Gretel Green of Springfield and Rhonda Berger of Marston Mills; a brother, Israel of Hartford; two sisters, Janet Fieldstein of Malden and Eva Hutzeluk of Springfield; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Harold R. Ascher and Son Memorial Chapel, with burial in the City of Homes Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

### Anthony Contrino

Anthony Contrino, 86, of 336 Meadow Street, Agawam, a retired self-employed barber, died in a local nursing home.

He worked in the Six Corners section of Springfield, and in Fort Myers Florida. He worked previously at the former Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co. in Thompsonville, Enfield.

Born in Canicatti, Sicily, Italy, he came to this country in 1917. He settled in Thompsonville, and moved to Agawam in 1992.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, and a member of the Italian-American Citizens Club of Springfield and the Springfield Elks Lodge.

He was a bowler, and belonged to several area bocce teams. He was a charter member of the "Wonderful World of Bocce of Rico Daniele," sponsored by Mom and Rico's Specialty Market Inc. in Springfield.

His wife, the former Lillian Giuliana, died in 1992.

He leaves two sons, John B. "Jay" of Agawam and Bennie S. of East Longmeadow; a daughter, Lena Marie Contrino of Agawam; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

## Knights Of Columbus Hold Local Fundraiser

"The Knights of Columbus annual charity drives have raised \$6.4 million since they started in 1978. Those people in yellow aprons passing out Tootsie Roll candy bars and asking for donations are members of the Knights of Columbus, their families, and friends and they are collecting donations for the mentally challenged and physically handicapped children," announced Grand Knight Nelson Letendre of John F. Kennedy Council in Agawam.

"The K of C have a simple philosophy that every child, regardless of race or religion, deserves to live as normal a life as possible. That is why we strive to help the handicapped, retarded, and blind get the most they can from life," continued Grand Knight Letendre.

The Knights of Columbus have granted \$6.1 million to individuals in the form of ramps, wheelchairs, hearing aids, specialized computer equipment, lifts for vans, assistance in construction for handicapped bathrooms or any of the items that fit the guidelines of the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus Charity Fund. Large grants were also made to organizations that assist the people for whom the Charity Fund was created. Some of the large grants were to Sunshine Village in Chicopee, Mercy Center in Worcester, Camp Paul in Chelmsford, Kennedy-Donovan School in Foxboro, Project Triangle in Malden, St. Coletta's in Hanover, and the Boston College Campus School for Special Needs Children.

Grand Knight Letendre concluded, "The Fund does not pay salaries, everyone associated is a volunteer. Should you know someone who needs assistance or has questions concerning the Charity Fund, contact your local Knights of Columbus Council. On behalf of the recipients and members of the Knights of Columbus, we want to THANK YOU for your continued support."

On Columbus Day Weekend, most councils will conduct their charity drive. Look for the yellow aprons. You are asked to be as generous as possible.

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## Families

### Polish-American Club Donates to W. Spfld./ Agawam Open Pantry

The Polish-American Club recently donated \$1,200 to the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry at their Tuesday night Bingo.

The Open Pantry services about 325 to 350 households in Agawam and West Springfield with food items each month. They also serve about 2,500 to 3,000 hot meals during the month.

Additionally, about 160 households take advantage of clothing available at the Open Pantry. The volume of families in the area using Open Pantry services has increased by about 10 percent in the last two years.

Along with the food programs, the Pantry also provides health care for the homeless, parent/child classes, and offers showers and washing machines for their use.

The donation, made possible by profits from the Tuesday night Bingo games, will be used to reduce the \$30,000 deficit. The donation represents the amount spent by the Open Pantry for their gas bill in 1993.

### Pheasant Hill Club To Meet On October 7

Pheasant Hill Social Club will hold its monthly meeting October 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Skylark Room.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Hostesses for the evening are Helen Farguliar, Gina Santalin, Ethel Diemond, and Mary Scala.

A Card Party will be held on October 9th in the Skylark Room at 2:00 p.m.

Chairpersons are Rose Mezzitti and Irene Dion; ticket chairperson is Ethel Dumond; refreshments chairperson is Jennine Juzba.



MAKING A CHECK PRESENTATION from the Polish American Club to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry are Camella Lepore, Lauretta Charest, and Donald Conklin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Polish Club's Women's Auxiliary Slates 12th Annual Craft Fair

On October 15th, the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club of Agawam will hold their 12th Annual Craft Fair at the club's pavilion, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills (Route 57—1/4-mile from Feeding Hills Center).

This year's fair will display some of the finest creations in our area. Delicious goodies made by our ladies will be for sale, along with cabbage and potato/cheese pierogi to take home for the

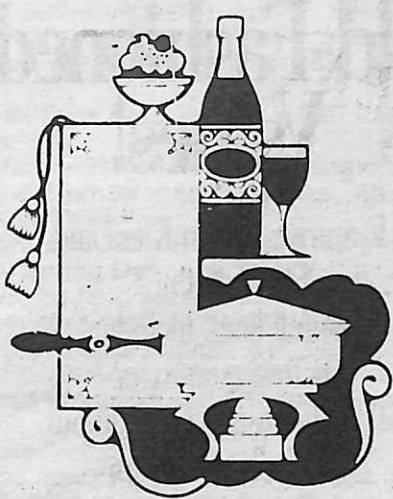
holidays.

The ladies will also have Polish and American foods for those who would like to "sit a bit" and enjoy a light lunch. Available in the kitchen will be kielbasa sandwiches, pierogi, golomki, hot dogs, etc.

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## Porch Decorating At Heritage Hall



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS (from left) Victor Jezyk, Martha Allen, Gertrude Lemonde, Lois Blake Haskins, and Bob Reeves receive help from volunteer Craig Johnson when decorating the front steps of Heritage Hall South. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Passive Recreation At Heritage Hall



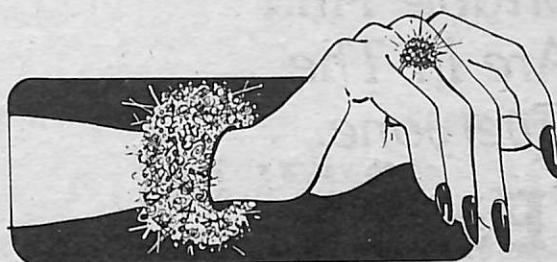
HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS Isabelle Farrington, Italia Baldini, and Harriet Donahue enjoy passive recreation in the West Building last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Tuesday, October 11th: Golden carrot soup, chicken cutlet on a roll, tomato/lettuce salad, canned peaches.

Wednesday, October 12th: Meat-loaf w/gravy, baked potato, green beans, whole wheat bread, blueberry cake.

Thursday, October 13th: Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, October 14th: Seafood casserole, egg noodles, zucchini & yellow squash, rye bread, pineapple tidbits.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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## Ag. Golden Age Clubs' Calendar Of Events For October

**October 7th:** Chapter 1 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**October 12th:** Chapter 1 - 38th Anniversary Banquet to be held at the Shaker Farms Country Club, Westfield. Dinner at noon.

**October 16th:** Chapter 1 - Trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. October 16th-22nd.

**October 19th:** Chapter 2 - 12th Anniversary Banquet to be held at the Storrowton Carriage House, West Springfield. Dinner at noon.

**October 25th:** Chapter 2 - Trip to White's Restaurant, Westport, MA with dinner and a Halloween party. Also, a side trip to the Vanity Fair Outlet.

**October 26th:** Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo. Also, a Halloween Dress-Up Party.

**October 28th:** Chapter 2 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

## Swk. Women's Club Opens New Season

**Southwick:** The Southwick Women's Club announces their programs for the 1994-1995 club year. The year was opened with a luncheon at the Sheraton Inn in Westfield.

Cheryl Varr was installed as a new member. For entertainment, the members brought hats of every description. They were judged for most original, prettiest, funniest, and "I tried."

On November 1st, James Butnam will speak on his use of stamps as a medium to create beautiful pictures, which he calls "Stamp Masterpieces."

A Pot Luck Luncheon will be held December 6th, followed by a program on "Communications," presented by George Hughes.

No meetings will be held in January and February.

On March 7th, Marilyn Chunglo, a library trustee, will speak on, "Libraries, An Important Part of Our Lives."

On April 4th, John Burris and his students will perform "Spring Dance in Motion." A Spring Luncheon will be held May 2nd in addition to the Annual Meeting. (Place to be announced).

On June 6th, a picnic will be held at Lake George Sportsmen's Club. Senior citizens are invited. Fran Weigand and Rebecca Eilert will present their musical program, "The Happy Wanderers."

Are you new in town? Are you recently retired? Would you like to make some new friends? Would you like to get involved in community service but don't know what to do?

Call Joanne Poirier, Membership Chairwoman, at 569-5679. Meetings are at the Southwick Congregational Church at 1:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. The September and May luncheon meetings are held at area restaurants.

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 13, 1994 at 8:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public comment on the Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Agawam.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
Published: October 6, 1994

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## Italian Luncheon At Heritage Hall



THE DIETARY STAFF of Heritage Hall Nursing Home (North Building) held an Italian Luncheon last week. Residents in the photo are Jean Balser and Arnold Asher (seated). Staff members are Sharon, Pat, and Faye. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime but we do really appreciate those who bring in their copy on Mondays. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m.**



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# AHS Class Of 1944 Gathers For 50th



THE GANG FROM THE AGAWAM HIGH Class of 1944 gathered at Alexander's Restaurant for their 50th class reunion on Saturday evening, October 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TRAVELING FROM FAR AND AWAY to attend the 50th reunion of the Agawam High Class of 1944 included, from left - Ken Clark, California; Dick Langdon, Cincinnati; Margaret Craigie LaPierre; Kenneth M. Oliver, Florida; and Rose Cole Fitzgerald, Las Vegas.

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MEMBERS OF THE REUNION COMMITTEE for the Agawam High Class of 1944 at Alexander's Restaurant on October 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## AHS Class Of 1959 Plans 35th Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1959 is planning its 35th class reunion to be held on Saturday, November 26th at Storrowton.

The following list of classmates have not been reached. To make this event as special as possible, the reunion committee would like to contact all members of the class.

Diane Magnacca Bousquet, Rayne Ethier Danton, James Donahue, Daniel Dudley, Sally Fridley Figiel, Gladys Posnick Gaboury, Judy Stevens Gallagher, Maxine Cote Gardner, Arlene Kellogg Hauff, Robert Henry, Joan Vandal Johnson, Gerald Labb, Howard Lamothe, Carol Caron Leger, Timothy Letendre.

Also, Gary Lewis, Katherine Marieb, Dorothy McManus Marshall, Emilie Malinowski Meyer, Lawrence Montagna, Virginia Grant Neulieb, William Pasquale, Thomas Provost, Arthur Psholka, Joseph Ricco, Gary Sherlaw, Sandra Monahan Stewart, Ruth Titus, Gerald Touchette, Alice Skelton Washington, David Waters, and Marion Wilkins.

If you have any information of their whereabouts, please contact Attorney Richard C. Morassi, 435 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

## TV-22 Teaming Up With Easter Seals

For the 11th year in a row, the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society, Burger King Restaurants, and WWLP TV22 have teamed up to offer Halloween treats.

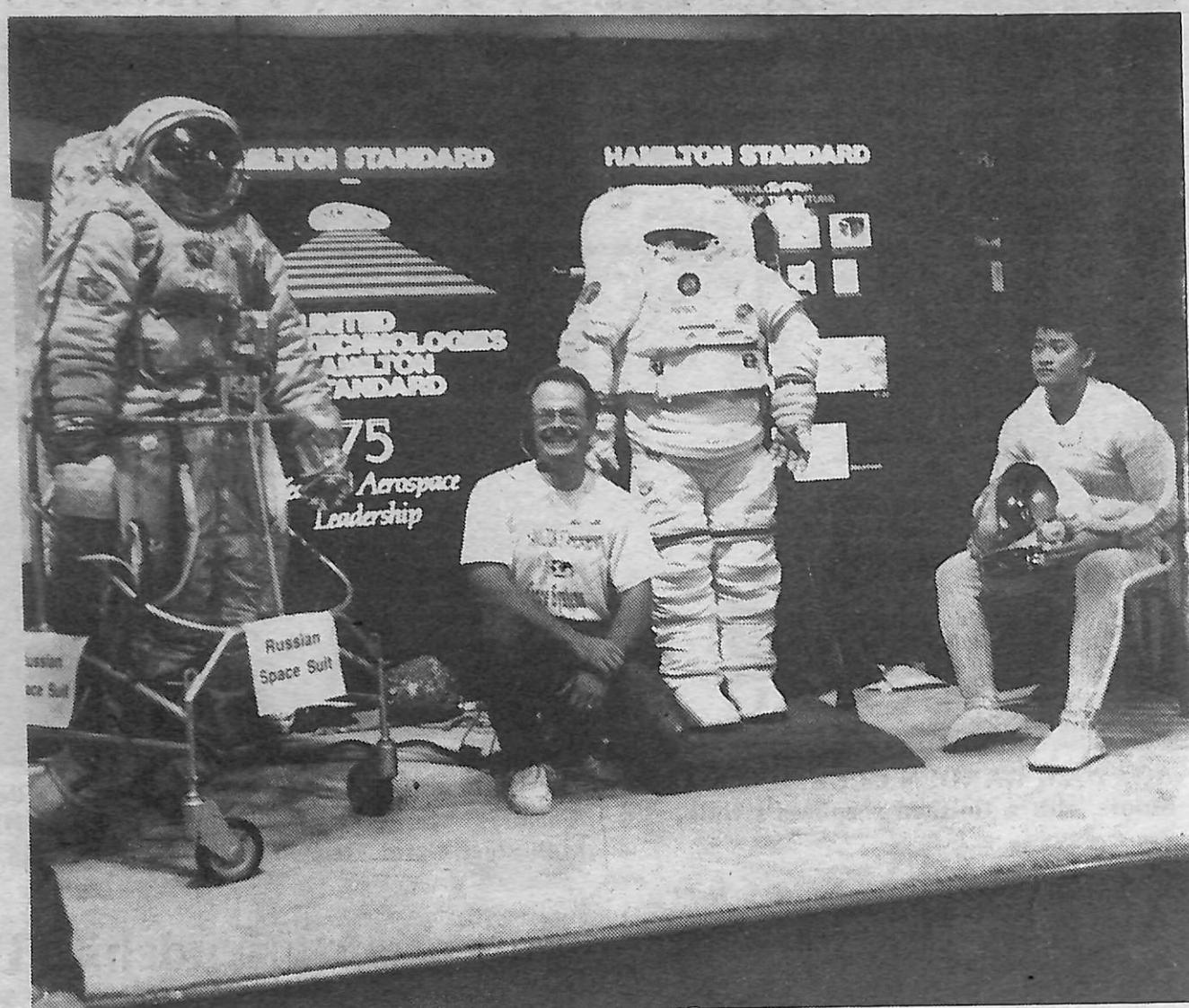
Colorful coupon booklets worth \$10 are on sale for \$1 at participating Burger King Restaurants during the month of October. The dollar goes to Easter Seals to fund services for people with disabilities.

Coupons are welcome treats for Halloween for both children and adults. The nine coupons can be redeemed November 1st-30th for medium soft drinks with the purchase of a variety of Burger King sandwiches. A bonus coupon is redeemable in local grocery stores.

Last year, \$70,000 from Halloween treat booklets went to the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society to support physical and occupational therapy, home health care, technology for independence, summer camp, speech therapy, therapeutic swim programs, equipment loan, stroke support groups, information and referral services.

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**HAMILTON STANDARD REPRESENTATIVE** Dave Etter of Agawam relates the principles of space-suit technology during a demonstration at the company's space suit exhibit at THE BIG E which features Soviet and American designed suits. Thinh Pho of Westfield (right) waits to suit up.

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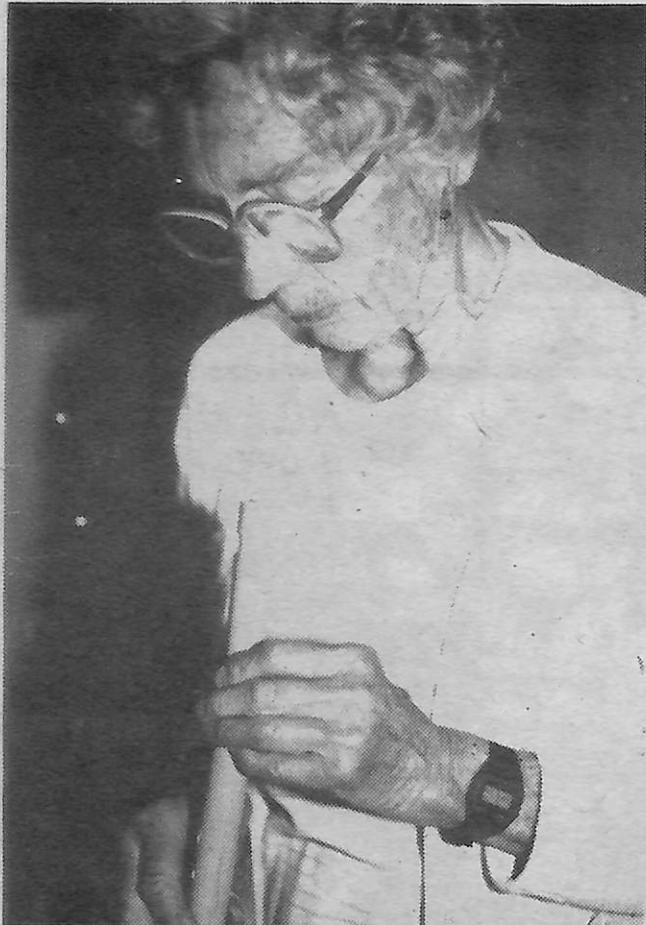
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AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB Secretary Alice Moore with a finished shepherd's flute. photo courtesy of Rainbow NS.

## Alice Moore To Present Prog. For Agawam Garden Club

The Agawam Garden Club will meet October 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

Alice Moore, a long-time member of the Agawam Garden Club and town "elder," will honor us with an "eclectical garden slides" presentation.

Alice is a multitalented gardener (from vegetables and flowers to herbs). She tends the herb gardens at Storrowton and gives tours telling about the herbs, which she has much experience with.

For her service as secretary over the years, the Agawam Garden Club has dedicated in her honor a perennial garden at the Captain Charles Leonard House called "Alice's Garden."

Besides her wit and humor, she is a leader of bell ringers at the Agawam Congregational Church, a long-time pianist, and shepherd's flute-maker. She taught some of the garden club members how to make the flute, which took many hours, and while doing so shared her many stories.

"I sold my first flute for a whopping 35¢," she said, and smiled as she shook her head and added, "Boy, I wouldn't do that again, now or then."

Alice is a wealth of information and one of the most active elders you will ever meet.

Also during this evening will be a sale of garden items and other interesting tidbits.

The public is invited to join the club members for a night of delight, entertainment, and relaxation. Refreshments will be served.

For information, contact Denise Carmody, Garden Club president, at 786-7783.

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GOV. WILLIAM WELD (center) samples delicious stir-fried vegetables from the Mass. Farmers' Market booth during his visit to THE BIG E. Looking on are Farmers' Market volunteer Carol Treganowan of Agawam, and BIG E President Wayne McCary.

## Operation Friendship To Benefit From Roast Beef Dinner At Feeding Hills Congo

A Roast Beef Dinner hosted by Operation Friendship of America will be held Saturday, October 8th at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$7, \$3.75 for children under 12,

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For reservations, call Kathy Rose at 786-0195 or Chris Mangano at 789-3128. If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name and number of reservations.

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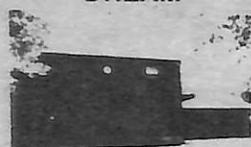
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### FEEDING HILLS BETTER THAN NEW



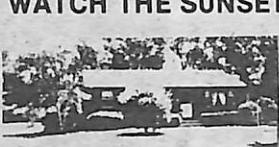
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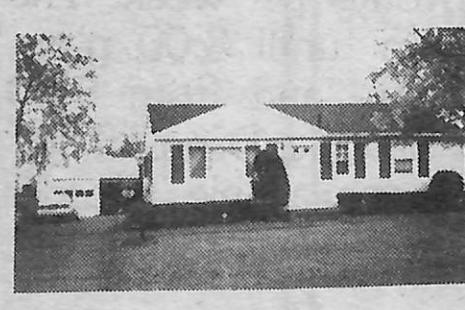
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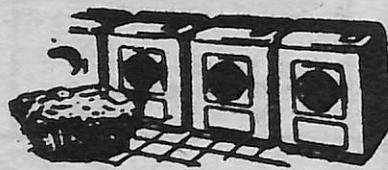
# Church News

## Blessing Of The Animals At Sacred Heart Church



**SACRED HEART CHURCH PASTOR** Father Kenneth Tatro conducted a ceremony on the church grounds for Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. Father Tatro blessed the pets of people who brought them to the ceremony. Children in the photo are John O'Krongly and Megan O'Krongly. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## Church News - continued...

## Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

Our Church School continues each Sunday morning. Classes for seventh grade students through adults will meet at 9:15 a.m., and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, please call the church office, 786-7111. Everyone is welcome to join the classes.

On Sunday, October 16th, there will be an Open House for our Church School following our Worship Service. Please come and visit the classes, and meet the teachers and assistants for the new Church School year.

Children's Choir rehearsal is Sunday mornings immediately following the Worship Service. All children ages four through ninth grade are welcome!

Playgroup is every Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. The Playgroup follows the school calendar year and is open to infants through five year-old children.

Stop by to chat with other caring adults while your child enjoys special play time. For more information, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430.

A "Giant Harvest Tag Sale" will be held Saturday, October 8th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Refreshments will be available.

The rain date is Saturday, October 22nd.

"Called To Care Informational Fall Forums" are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on the following Sunday mornings: October 23rd, 30th, and November 6th.

The October 23rd topic will be "Long-Term Care Issues" by Mary Ellen Sullivan, D.P.W.; the October 30th topic will be "Financial Planning" by Rufus Cashman, U.C.C. Representative; and on November 6th, Carole Shulte, V.N.A. of Pioneer Valley A.D. Coordinator, will discuss the topic "Alzheimer's Disease."

Coffee and donuts will be served. Please plan to attend these most informative meetings.

**PLEASE remember that our deadline is Tuesday at noon. We do appreciate those who bring in their copy on Monday.**

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## News &amp; Notes From Feeding Hills Cong.

Join us on October 9th for OPEN PANTRY Sunday. Rev. Donaldson's sermon will be "On God's Terms."

Operation Friendship will hold a roast beef supper on October 8th with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

For reservations or more information, please call either Chris Mangano at 789-3128, or Kathy Rose at 786-0195.

Chris Traficante will lead a family hike on the trails of Mt. Tom on Sunday, October 9th.

Please meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. if you are interested in joining this sure-to-be-fun activity.

There will be a 40-Plus Club Luncheon on October 12th at 12:00 noon.

On the calendar this week:

**October 8th:** 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. - Youth Group (7-9); 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. - Youth Group (4-6); 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Operation Friendship Dinner.

**October 9th:** 1:00 p.m. - Family Hike.

**October 10th:** 7:30 p.m. - Council.

**October 11th:** 7:30 p.m. - Stewardship/Missions.

**October 12th:** 12:00 noon - 40-Plus Club Luncheon; 7:00 p.m. - Choir; 8:00 p.m. - A.A.

**October 13th:** 6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m. - Deacons.

## From The Pastor Of Feeding Hills Congregational Church

One of the things I am most often asked is why I went into ministry. Debbie and I had been married less than a year when I began to feel pulled toward it. It didn't seem like a good idea at the time. We had other plans which we were eagerly working on. We purchased a house. We had our first child, Douglas. Life was busy and full.

But we were also active in church activities. To be brief, the more active I became in the church,

the more active I wanted to become. Why? Why get involved when so many commitments had been made and so much time was already taken up by the baby and the work on our home?

Well, the work the church had to offer was satisfying. Through the church I was able to enrich myself by enriching the lives of others. When I did something in the church's life, it seemed that not only did I feel good about it, but other people were better off as well. Finally, I knew I was being called full-time.

One of the most compelling activities for me was the annual CROP Walk. I remember competing with the pastor to see which of us could raise the most pledges. One year I actually beat him, garnering over \$700 in pledges to his \$650. That was fun.

And the walk itself was a joy. Yes, we were all foot-sore after the 10 miles (or, actually, before the whole route was walked). But our hearts were full of joy because we knew that our sore feet had helped others to survive.

In a world where 28 people die from hunger or related diseases every minute ... in a world in which one child in 10 dies before its first birthday ... I knew I had to do something. The church, through the CROP Walk, and through a variety of other programs, gave me opportunities to respond to the words of the prophet Micah:

"What does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"

All of us are ministers. Some work full-time at it, others find what time they can. I encourage all who are able to join me in the satisfying, fulfilling, joyful, somewhat tiring, but ever-so-uplifting experience of walking with God on Sunday, October 23rd.

If you cannot join in the walk yourself, I urge you to sponsor the walker of your choice. But join in this activity and reap the harvest of happiness that comes in taking on the ministry of Jesus Christ.

## West Springfield Church Of Christ Plans Gospel Meeting October 16th &amp; 17th

On October 16th-17th, the West Springfield Church of Christ is having a Gospel meeting celebrating the 25-year existence of the Lord's church.

Norman Starling from San Marcos, Texas, a world evangelist to the Caribbean, India, Russia, and Romania, will be the featured speaker. Meeting times are Sunday, October 16th at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. On Monday, October 17th, the meeting time is 7:00 p.m.

A dessert fellowship will be held after the even-

ing meeting on the October 16th.

Everyone is welcome to attend as many of the meetings as possible. Previous members still in the area will find it a good time to renew old friendships, townspeople can take advantage of visiting the church for the first time, and new folks in town looking for a place to worship will find this a great opportunity to see the congregation in action.

For more information, call the church at 736-1006 or Stephen Rollins at 789-6035.

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## Church News - continued...



**SHERRIE BESETTE** works with a youngster at the Agawam Baptist Church Nursery.

## Mount Carmel School To Hold "Harvest Festival" Bazaar

The 1994 "Harvest Festival" Bazaar will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel school auditorium at 36 Margaret Street, Springfield, on Saturday, November 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Featured items will include attic treasures, children's games, children's wheel, crafts, homemade baked goods, jewelry, knitted and crocheted items, pasta, "white elephant" items, and a grand raffle.

A snack bar will be available for breakfast and lunch. There will also be a pasta and meatball supper from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

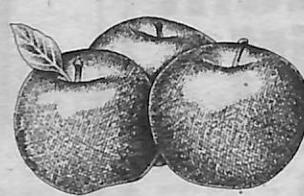
The price of admission is \$4 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12 years of age.

For further information, call 744-5813 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Some parents attending the First Baptist Church of Agawam would prefer to keep their children with them for the worship service. Others would prefer that their children be under someone else's care for all or part of the service. Be assured that whichever category you fall in, your children (and you) are welcome at the First Baptist Church.

If you are in the latter category, you may attend comfortable in the knowledge that your child will be well cared for.

For infants and toddlers, a well-equipped nursery with cribs should they be tired and many toys if they are not provided. But more important is the loving care that they will receive from the many "moms" and some "grandmoms" from the group called the Sunshine Circle who provide the nursery care.

For older children up to age 11, a special "Children's Church" program is provided for the latter part of the service. Under the direction of Dot Major, a veteran member of the church and former Church School Superintendent, and assisted by several young adults, the children learn songs, hear Bible stories, and participate in a worship experience geared just for them.

It has been said that First Baptist is a "church for families," and it is true that every effort has been made to provide the most meaningful worship for all in the family. Join us for worship at 9:30 a.m. one Sunday and experience it for yourself.

The First Baptist Church, an American Baptist Church, is located at 760 Main Street, Agawam (corner of Main and Elm Streets).

## Catholic Women's Club To Hold Mtg. Monday, Oct. 10th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, October 10th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam.

President Beverly Boudreau will conduct a brief business meeting. Judy Shrader, program chairwoman, will present Lisa Rolland, owner of Silk Designs in Feeding Hills, who will demonstrate holiday packaging ideas with bags, boxes, baskets, tissue, shredded mylar, and bows. Materials will be available for anyone wishing to purchase them.

Guests are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## Mittineague Church Slates October Harvest Fair And Supper

Mittineague United Methodist Church, located at 800 Amostown Road, West Springfield, will be holding its Harvest Fair and Supper on October 28th and 29th.

On Friday, October 28th, the church will conduct the fair and snack bar from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday, October 29th, the supper will take place with sittings at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The menu will include chicken and biscuits, harvest vegetables, and apple pie for dessert.

The price for the dinner is \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children between the ages of six and 12. (Children under the age of six will be admitted to the dinner for free.)

For reservations, please call 788-0304 or 732-0706.

## Catholic Women's Club To Hold Macaroni Supper

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam is pleased to announce to all pasta lovers that it will hold a Macaroni and Meatball Supper on Thursday, October 13th, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam.

Renowned chef Jennie Christopher will again tickle the taste buds with her tossed salad, macaroni, meatballs, home-baked desserts, coffee, tea, or milk. She will be assisted by Mickey Adelman, Peg Altobelli, Alice Buel, Rose Dean, Marge Disco, Rosemarie Fazio, Eleanor Funai, Helen Lenihan, Alice Petroniro, Evelyn Romano, Peg Saliba, Ann Sorel, Millie Vassalo, and Janet Wysocki.

Barbara Gingras is in charge of tickets. They may be obtained in advance from any member of the committee, at the rectory, or at the door the night of the supper. Tickets are \$4.50 each for adults, and \$2.50 for children under 12. Take-out dinners are also available.

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## Spotlight On Business

### Kinney's 1 Hour Photo Finishing Opens New Store In Feeding Hills

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The three members of the Richard Kinney family involved in the operation of the two Kinney's 1 Hour Photo Finishing stores in Agawam and Feeding Hills bring different aspects of the photography field to the family business.

Richard Kinney of Albert Street, Agawam, founder and company president, manages the store at 371 Walnut Street Extension that he opened in 1991. He has 26 years' experience in the photo finishing business and boasts that his combined staff's experience spans 80 years. Their slogan is: "We do pictures right."

A native of Maine, Kinney was in the Marine Corps until 1968 when he and his wife, Ann, decided to settle in Agawam. In that year, he joined Standard Photo and said he had the desire to learn all aspects of photo finishing.

The company went through several changes with technicolor, 3M-APG, and Qualek/Kodak. Kinney was involved in printing, supervising, and became print plant superintendent. He finally became director of operations of the mini-lab division of Qualek/Kodak of New York and Pennsylvania.

"I have seen many changes in the photo field, and technology never ceases to amaze me," Kinney said. He decided to become an entrepreneur and opened the Walnut Street Extension lab in 1991. Also coming from Qualek/Kodak were Sharon Talbot and Carol Wing. Kinney considered this an advantage because of their knowledge of the industry.

Sharon is assistant manager of the store with 24 years' experience, and Carol is a personnel trainer with 25 years' experience. The staff includes Glynn Gereghy, part-time lab technician and full-time Springfield schoolteacher, and Scott Stork, a laboratory technician with three years' experience.

#### Kinney's Son Joins The Staff

In 1994, Derek Kinney, Richard's son, joined the company. When he joined the firm, Richard felt it

was the right time to expand. Derek is a graduate of Agawam High School and has an associate degree in business from Holyoke Community College. His concentration is on the business end of the firm, and he was previously employed by Waldbaum's Food Mart for 11 years as a regional front-end specialist in Massachusetts and Connecticut for 10 to 16 stores.

The second Kinney's 1 Hour Photo Finishing store opened this year on August 27th with formal ceremonies at 1325 Springfield Street (opposite Stop & Shop and next to Peterjons Gourmet Ice Cream).

Derek is now vice-president of the family business and manager of the Feeding Hills store. His staff includes John Rutowicz, Aurelia Andreoli, and Marnie Kinney (Richard's daughter).

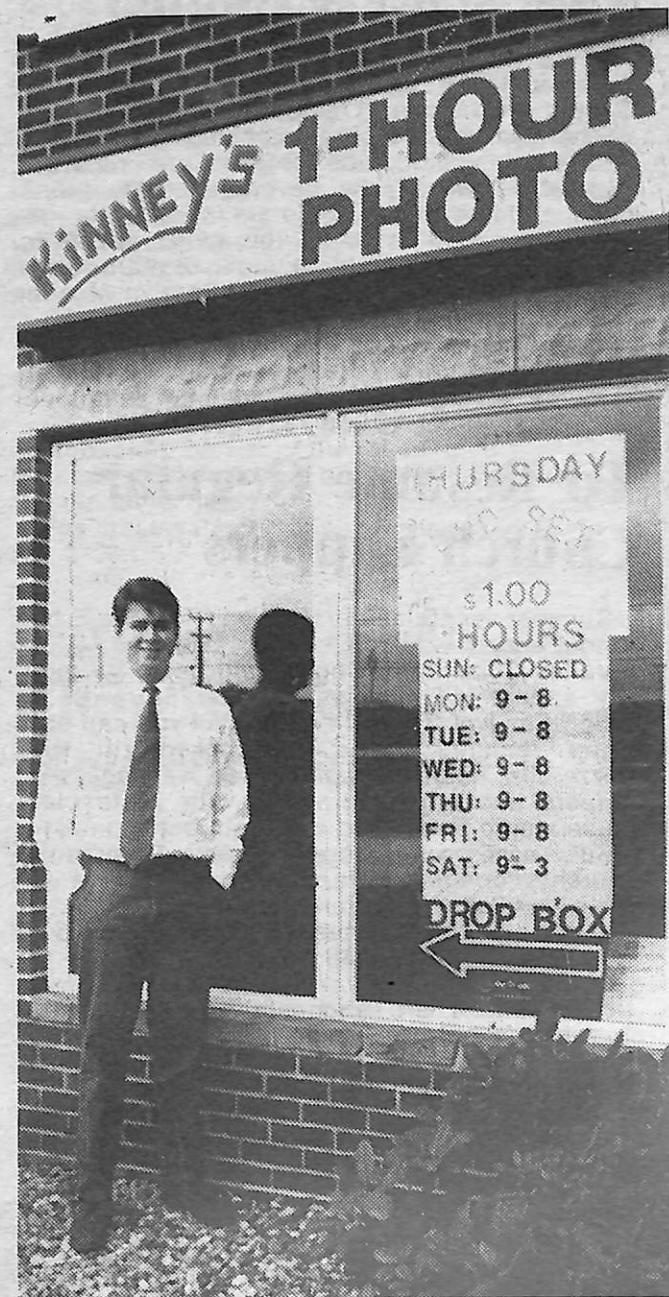
Marnie is a lab technician with three years' experience. A graduate of Agawam High School, she will graduate in December from Westfield State College with a master's in mass communication and a minor in business. She works at the photo lab part-time.

According to Derek, John and Scott are also graduates of Agawam High, and Aurelia is a senior at Agawam High School who plans to study photo finishing in college.

Several services are offered at both Kinney stores: enlargements, copy print work, slide developing, slide to prints, portraits, commercial accounts, black and white, passport photos, and film and accessories.

The laboratory process is set for 35 mm and 110 film. "We can make negatives from pictures also," Richard Kinney explained, "and then new pictures can be made from the negatives. We do reproductions but not restorations."

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DEREK KINNEY is managing the Feeding Hills Center store of Kinney's 1 Hour Photo Finishing. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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A customer can choose to have photos done in one hour, one day, or two days. The longer the time allowed, the less expensive it is. So, film brought in on Monday for two-day service is ready on Wednesday, and film dropped off on Tuesday is picked up on Thursday, etc. Since the stores are closed on Sundays, film that is brought in on Saturday for two-day service will be ready the following Tuesday.

## All Work Is Done On-Site

Loss or mix-up of film or pictures is theoretically nonexistent, Kinney said, since all the work is done on-site. The film never leaves the drop-off site until picked up by the customer. The labs will also make enlargements, from 35 mm negatives to 5 x 7, 8 x 10, or 11 x 14 pictures.

"We have over \$90,000 invested in equipment," Richard Kinney stated. "The printer scans a negative before making a print to give the customer the best color print possible. Each print is inspected by the laboratory technician after it is printed, and if he/she doesn't like what is seen, it is corrected and printed again. At Kinney's 1 Hour Photo, we mean it when we say 'We do pictures right' with Kodak Royal Treatment."

Praising their staffs, Derek claimed, "In addition to being good at their respective jobs, all our help are thirsty for photography."

Richard Kinney said he plans to retire in eight years and Derek will then take over. As the future president of the family business, Derek sees himself as the aggressive one and looks forward to the future and the possibility of a whole chain of Kinney's 1 Hour Photo Finishing labs.

Both Richard and Derek Kinney talk about maintaining the highest quality of work with quickness of service and reasonable prices. "We care about quality," Richard Kinney said, "and we feel the customer sees this when he picks up his order of bright and bold color photos that have been printed, packaged, and made with pride."

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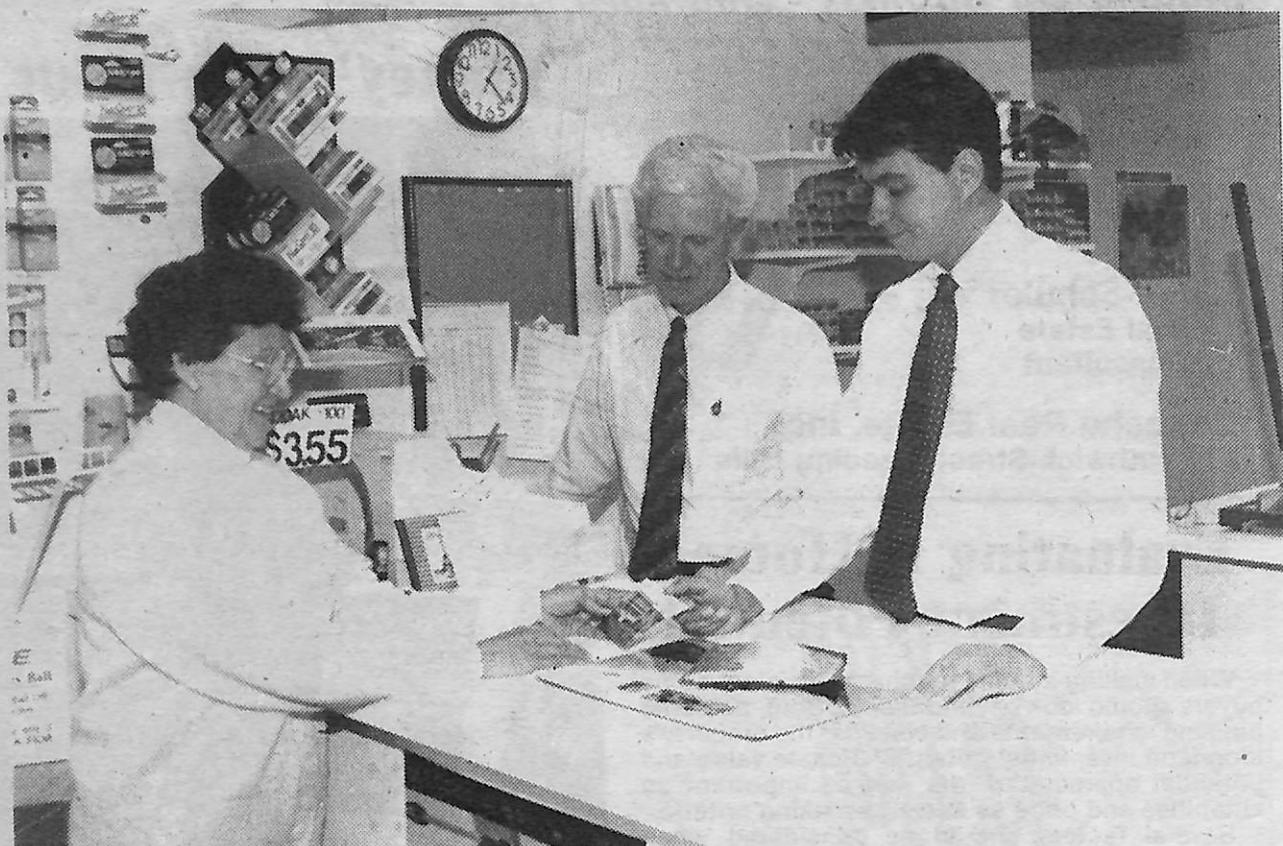


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**RICHARD KINNEY**, owner of Kinney's 1 Hour Photo Finishing in Feeding Hills Center, assists customer Shirley Kibbe with store manager **Derek Kinney**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Greater Springfield Convention Bureau To Hold Annual Meeting On Oct. 13th

The Annual Meeting of the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau (GSCVB) will be held on Thursday, October 13th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Wistariahurst Museum in Holyoke.

Tourism marketing strategies for the upcoming year will be presented at the meeting. In addition, a limited edition poster, designed by Balboni

Associates, Inc. in Springfield, will be unveiled and copies signed by artist John Murphy, Jr. will be available for sale.

The GSCVB is a private non-profit marketing organization dedicated to promoting the Pioneer Valley as a site for meetings and conventions and as a leisure travel destination.

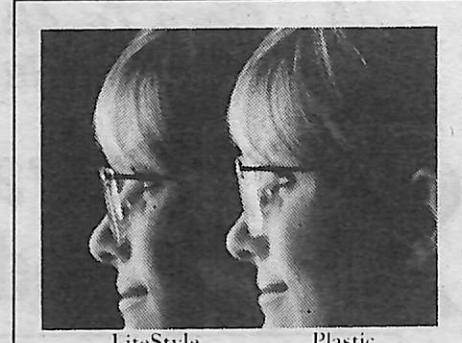
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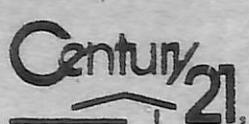
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## Evaluating A Home's Investment Potential

When making a home purchase decision, home buyers should look beyond their current, personal housing requirements and consider the property's long-term investment potential. Resale value and potential appreciation are just as important as amenities and price as decision-making criteria.

Several factors should be considered when evaluating a home's investment potential:

**Is it a good neighborhood?** — The area of the community in which a house is located is most often a strong indicator of its present and future value. Low crime rates, quality schools, and convenient access to desirable locations—such as shopping malls, grocery stores, and restaurants—substantially increase home values, while proximity to airports, traffic, noisy nightclubs, poorly maintained neighboring homes, and low-quality street surfaces lower the investment potential of an otherwise suitable residence. Homes located on quiet, tree-lined streets usually sell faster than those near busy intersections or highways.

**Does the home offer a functional floor plan with a feeling of spaciousness?** — The typical home buyer will be attracted to a floor plan that makes the most of its square footage in terms of useable space with spacious rooms, sensible room placement and traffic flow, and comfortable design.

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## Kinney's One-Hour Photo In F.H. Center



**KINNEY'S ONE-HOUR PHOTO** has opened in Feeding Hills Center in the Community Shoppes. A grand opening was held recently for the new store. Kinney's One-Hour Photo is also located on Walnut Street Extension, Agawam. From left - Richard Kinney, Ann Kinney, Town Council President James D. Taylor, Marnie Kinney, and Derek Kinney. RELATED STORY AND PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS TWO PAGES. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Most homeowners will also be drawn to the benefits of additional cabinetry and storage space, large closets, and service areas. Features such as kitchen "islands" and split levels are generally a matter of preference, but the majority of home buyers will avoid trendy and eccentric structural designs that offer no added purpose or convenience and may "date" the home.

**Does the house have a garage?** — A garage increases the attractiveness of a home and provides protection for your automobiles and other vehicles, as well as additional storage space. Home buyers also should consider the size of the garage and driveway, as well as the availability of street parking for visitors, when assessing a home's potential investment value.

**How old is the building?** — Homes built since 1980 earn a price premium in the housing market. The plumbing, heating, and electrical wiring in an older structure may require frequent repair or

replacement. New homes also are generally better constructed to structurally withstand natural disasters.

**Is there a useable yard?** — Yards in front and back of the house can significantly increase a home's investment potential. Many home buyers want a backyard that can accommodate large outdoor pets, family recreation (a swing set, sand box, badminton net, etc.), and entertaining. A nicely landscaped front yard gives a home more curb appeal, thereby increasing its value.

**Does the house have a nice view?** — Many home buyers are willing to pay a premium for a home that has a view of the city, waterscape (river/ocean/lake/harbor, etc.), forest, or mountains. In addition to its obvious aesthetic appeal, a view can increase a home's value tremendously. Sellers generally secure a higher return—even in a fluctuating-price market—due to the constant demand for view properties.

Has the home been maintained by previous

owners? — The overall appearance of a home is crucial to its investment potential. Homes that are diligently cared for on a regular basis will appear more presentable and require less drastic repairs and improvements over a long-term period. Buyers should examine the interior and exterior, paint, landscaping and yard maintenance, quality and condition of carpet and tile, and the general cleanliness of the house when making a purchase decision. A home with a newly remodeled kitchen featuring spacious counter tops, extensive cabinet space and windows for ventilation, and natural light will be especially attractive to prospective buyers.

These are just some of the elements to consider when evaluating a home's investment or selling potential. A professional real estate agent can provide you with additional investment or selling tips and help you buy or sell a home.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills, MA [413-789-1117].)

## Woronoco Savings Bank To Hold Seminar For Small Businesses

Woronoco Savings Bank, the Westfield Community Development Corporation and the University of Massachusetts Small Business Development Center, Western Massachusetts Regional Office present "How to Approach a Lender—a Guide for Small Business," on Wednesday, October 19th from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Genesis Spiritual Life Center, Mill Street, Westfield.

The program will focus on the approach and direction to take when seeking commercial financing, including when and how to apply to a bank, Community Development Corporation or other lender.

Speakers include Richard A. Bellico, Vice President of Commercial Business Development at Woronoco Savings Bank, Gary C. Partridge, Executive Director of the Westfield Community Development Corporation and Philip E. Petitt, Jr., Management Counselor/Financial Analyst at the Small Business Development Center.

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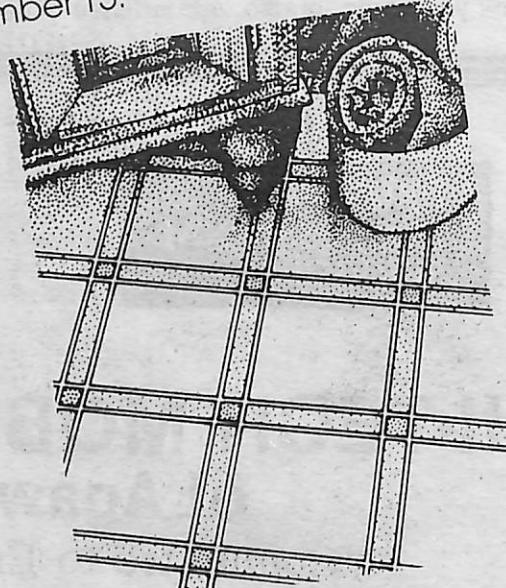
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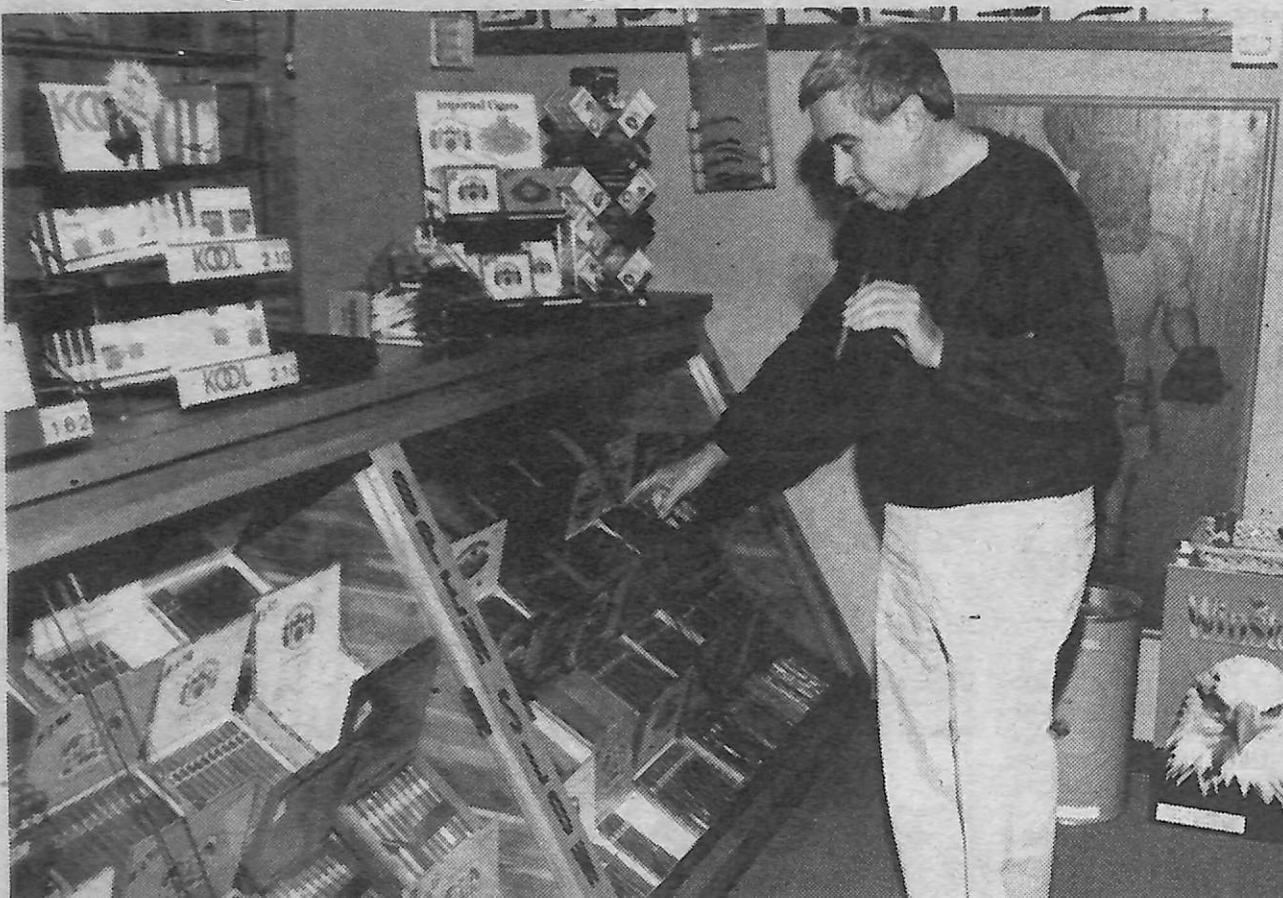
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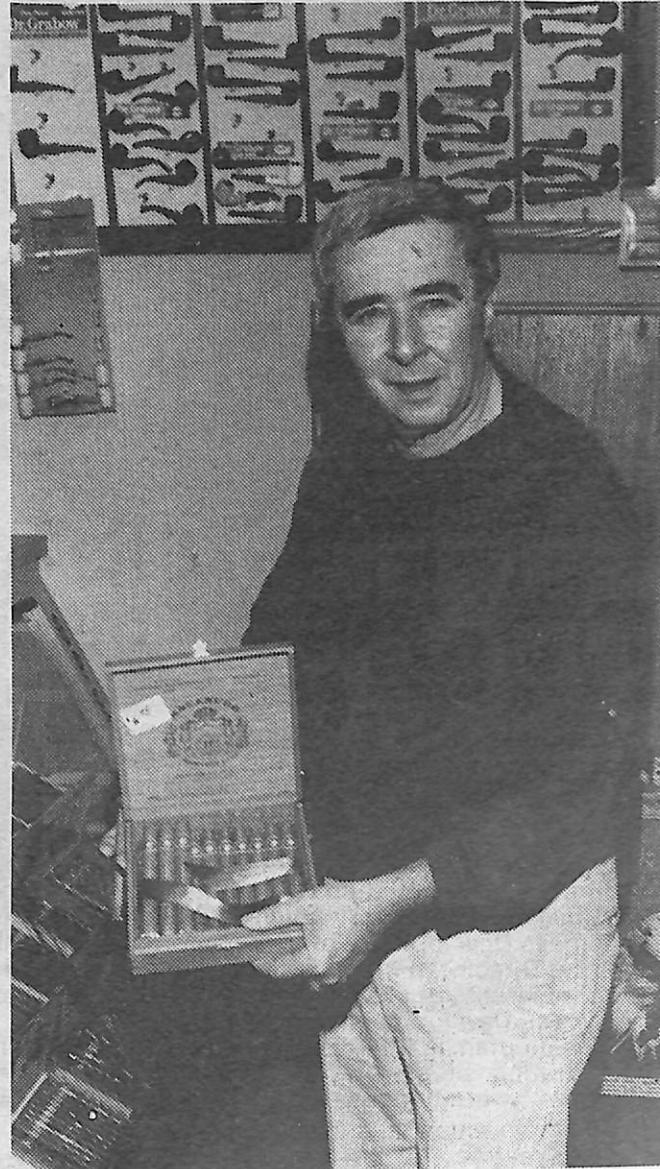
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## Cigars Selling Fast At Christina's Smoke Shop



**GUS BITSACOS**, owner of Christina's Newsroom & Smoke Shop in the Twin Silos Complex on Suffield Street, says the popularity of cigar smoking is on the rise and his store has many of the most popular brands found in the region. Christina's is open seven days a week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**GUS BITSACOS**, owner of Christina's Newsroom & Smoke Shop in the Twin Silos Complex on Suffield Street, holds a box of Macanudo cigars, just one of the popular brands that can be found at Christina's. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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#### NETWORKING EDGE

Start building your network of contacts *before* you need it ... don't wait until you are already out of a job. You must think of your network as being **EVERYONE THAT YOU KNOW!**

Keep in touch ... send birthday, holiday, and thank you cards ... also, clip articles of interest

and send them along with a short note.

**Do favors** ... always be on the lookout for ways to help others ... favors do not have to be extravagant to be appreciated.

**Get out of the house** ... you'll never make these important contacts if you sit home all day ... get out in front of people.

**Attend conventions** ... even if you don't learn much, you'll make new contacts. It should also help you to stimulate ideas.

#### RESUME EDGE

**Have more than one resume** ... each one should be factual, but emphasize a different part of your background and expertise. It will cost you more, but you'll be seen as a closer fit for the requirements of a particular job.

**Appearance counts** ... use good quality paper ... stick to white or ivory ... and try to send your resume unfolded in a 9" x 12" envelope. It will cost more, but aren't you worth it?

**Describe your achievements, not just your duties** ... be specific ... "I designed a billing system that reduced late payments by half, saving the company \$30,000 in the first year."

#### INTERVIEW EDGE

**Review the resume before the interview** ... you don't want to stumble over an answer that's right there in black and white.

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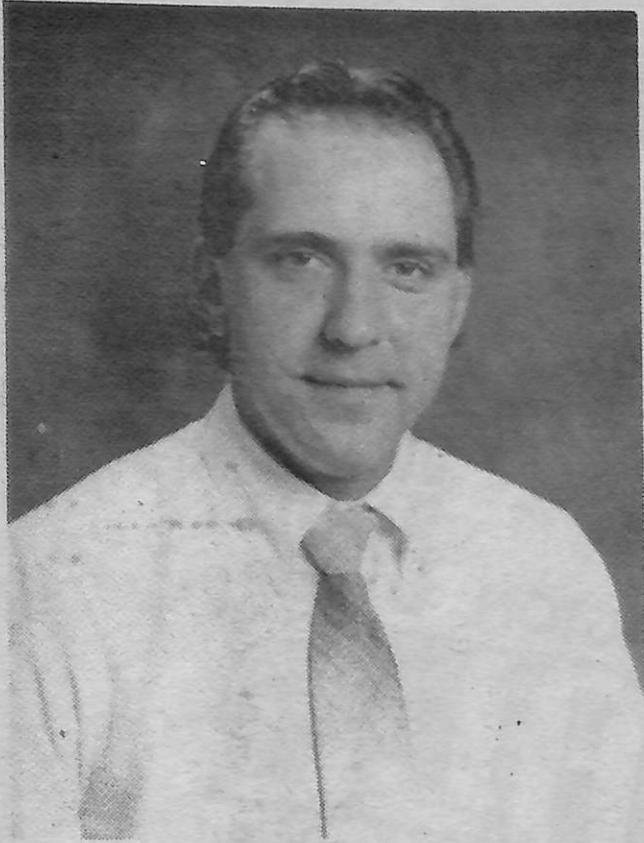
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DAVID MODZELESKI

## Dave Modzeleski Joins Molta Real Estate

Molta Real Estate, Inc. is pleased to announce that Dave Modzeleski has affiliated with its Agawam office.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, Modzeleski attended Agawam schools and also Holyoke Community College. He has been actively involved with construction and real estate for the past several years.

Modzeleski brings with him an in-depth knowledge of Agawam plus an enthusiasm and desire to assist buyers and sellers with all their real estate needs. He can be reached at Molta Real Estate, Inc. (789-9890) or at home (789-1935).

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### RAYMOND ROSE - from Page 30...

**Be prepared to support your qualifications ...** have specific facts/stories in mind to illustrate your achievement. Keep a file folder labeled "ACHIEVEMENTS" (do the same for your children). Everytime you accomplish something special, jot it down and keep it in the folder. Refresh your memory before interviews (if you're currently employed, it's a great tool to help you get a promotion or raise).

**Practice the answers to all questions you DON'T want to come up ...** prepare a short reply that quickly shifts the discussion to something more positive.

**Don't be shy ... bring up your strong points, even if the interviewer doesn't ask you about them ...** it's okay to say, "Before we finish, I think it's important that you know..."

**Be enthusiastic ... who would you want working for you ...** someone who's excited and has high levels of energy ... or someone who's laid back and low key?

**Ask for the job ... but don't sound desperate ...** most people don't do this. If you were choosing between two people, you would probably choose the person that wanted the job bad enough to ask for it.

#### FOLLOW UP EDGE

If you didn't get the job, don't give up ... call

back two to three weeks later. Say something like, "I hope things worked out with the person that you hired, and I wonder if you could recommend me to one of your colleagues in another company."

It's possible that the person that was hired did not work out ... and that the boss was too embarrassed to call you back. Also, maybe another slot at the company may have opened up. Very few job seekers follow up like this ... it takes a little bit of guts, but you may be surprised how often this strategy works out for the best!

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## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### Some "Low-Fat" Labels Found On High-Fat Foods

A few years ago, the best-selling cookie was Oreos. Today, the first-place spot is held by the Snackwell line of cookies.

We buy them because we want to taste our goodies without the fat and the guilt. Low-fat food is big business. But you can't always believe a label that reads "low fat," according to a recent study done by *New York Magazine*.

The study sent 22 foods that claimed to be "diet" or "healthy" to a certified lab for analysis and to see if the labels were accurate. The results were shocking. Seventy percent of soft-serve frozen yogurts had many more calories than the label claimed. For example, one brand claimed 47 calories per four ounces, but actually had 120 calories in four ounces.

The results were even more shocking for muffins and desserts. An "All-Natural Banana Coconut Cookie" claimed to have just 43 calories and 1.5 grams of fat. However, independent analysis showed 392 calories and 18.9 grams of fat! One fat-free muffin actually had 22.7 grams of fat! Only the Snackwell line of cookies contained the fat and calories listed on the label.

So, how do you find a product that is truly low in fat as the label claims? Follow these guidelines:

- **Buy national brands.** Small companies were more likely to under-report the fat and calorie content.
- **Do the grease test.** Put the food on a napkin. If it leaves some grease behind, it's not fat-free.
- **Read the list of ingredients.** If it contains nuts, oil, chocolate, coconut, or other ingredients with fat, the product contains fat, too.
- **Always keep your portion size small.** Even if a "goodie" is fat-free, it still contains calories and you can't eat unlimited amounts. If the food is actually high in fat, you still won't overload on fat when your portion is small.

### Cosmetic Surgery To Be Discussed Oct. 11th

Dr. Gary Russolillo, cosmetic, plastic, and reconstructive surgeon, will host a free Cosmetic Plastic Surgery Program on Tuesday, October 11th at 5:30 p.m. The program will be held in Auditorium B, located on the ground floor of the hospital.

The Cosmetic Plastic Surgery Program will focus on cosmetic surgery as a safe means of altering facial or body features for corrective, medical, or aesthetic reasons. Dr. Russolillo will discuss the many options available that can improve one's self-image.

Each program begins with a lecture and slide presentation by Dr. Russolillo. Following each presentation, Dr. Russolillo is available for brief, private consultations.

Pre-registration is necessary for the program which is limited to 15. To register, call Noble's HealthBEAT (568-2328).

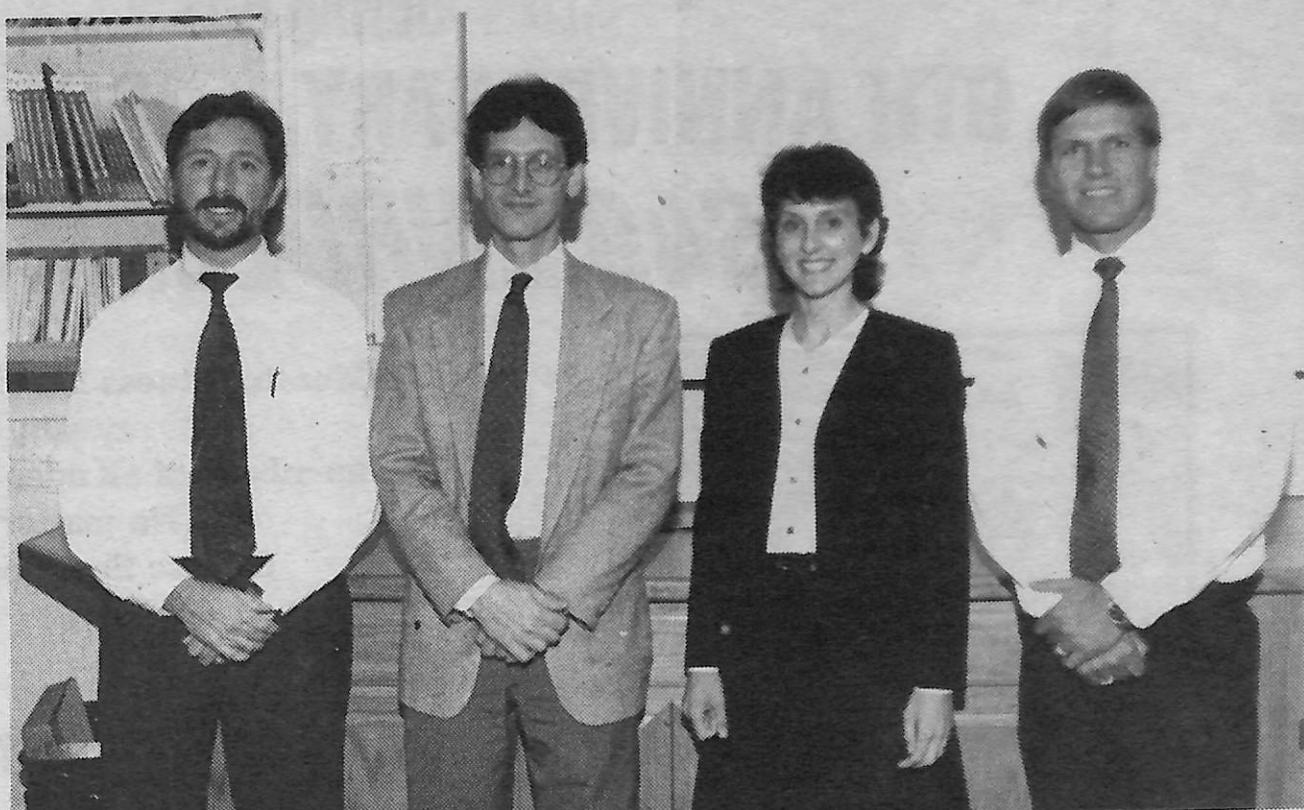
### Breastfeeding Class Offers Helpful Advice For New Mothers

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke will offer a Breastfeeding Class on October 13th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the hospital.

Taught by certified lactation consultant Madeline Boland, R.N., this program provides information on the benefits and basics of breastfeeding, prevention and treatment of problems, breast pumping techniques, and helpful tips to support a positive and successful breastfeeding experience.

Registration is required. For more information, call 539-2950.

### Fitness First Holds Medical Update Program



FITNESS FIRST OWNER AND OPERATOR Kurt Welker (right) hosted the first Community Medical Update Series with Patrick Carley of Novacare (left), Dr. Tami Nelson of Hampden County Chiropractic, and Dr. Thomas Kaye. More than 40 people attended the seminar on "Options for Back Injuries." The next presentation is on the shoulders and arms and will be held Thursday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m., at Fitness First. The public is invited to attend at no charge. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Better Breathers To Meet October 11th

On Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m., the Better Breather Support Group for people with C.O.P.D. (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) will meet at Baystate Medical Center in the Administration Building, first floor, Springfield Street entrance.

Ralph Kendall, M.D. will speak about tuberculosis.

These meetings are free of charge and open to anyone who is affected by lung disease, including their families and friends.

For more information, call the American Lung Association at 737-3506 or Marie Lemoine at 784-4442.

### Cancer Support Group Meeting Slated At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, October 20th, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium A (located on the ground floor).

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons. Nancy Ferguson, M.Ed., is the group facilitator.

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## Arts



MOONYEAN FIELD attempts to keep a serious face as Kathy Renaud looks on in the Encore Players' production of "Nunsense."

### "On Golden Pond" To Be Presented By Agawam Repertory

The Agawam Repertory Theater will present "On Golden Pond" by Ernest Thompson on October 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 16th at 2:00 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street.

Directed by Arnold Woods, the program will feature Jud Pooler, Jean Deresienska, Mindy DeTora, Robert Kay, Luke Kozikowski, and Stephen Mangine.

Admission is \$7, and \$6 for seniors and students. Reservations may be made by calling 786-7700.

The program, supported in part by the Agawam Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts, is presented by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

### Community Theatre Review...

## Encore Players' "Nunsense" Keeps Audience Rolling In The Aisles!

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

*Editor's Note: As the story goes, the Order of the Little Sisters of Hoboken was founded in the 7th century - years later those pioneering sisters ventured to North America and wound up in Hoboken, New Jersey, where they became known as the Little Hobos. That's just their beginning...*

The little nuns are in crisis, for it seems their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, cooked up a bad pot of vichyssoise and poisoned 52 members of the order.

The sisters had enough money to bury 48 of their peers. They stuck the remaining four in the convent freezer while they staged a show - this show, to fund the rest of the funerals.

With that premise out of the way, we meet our sisters in full habit, rosary beads in hands, and a clapper in the hands of a controlling Reverend Mother (Sister Mary Regina, played by Moonyean Field).

There's sister Mary Hubert (Holly Joy Pearson) who oversees the novices and aspires to the only job higher than hers - Mother Superior's.

There's street-wise Sister Mary Robert (Kathy Renaud) who just wants to be a star. And a befuddled Sister Mary Amnesia (Christine St. Amant) who walks around in a delightful daze. And Sister Mary Leo (Jaquelyn Day) who lives to dance and dreams of being a ballerina...

There's not a weak link in the cast. These sisters prove that "Nunsense is Habit Forming," as they "Tackle That Temptation With A Two-Step" (in brightly-colored dance shoes).

If you ever attended Catholic High School, you'll be doubled over with laughter; if you never attended Catholic High School, you'll be doubled over with laughter.

In one scene, as the nuns mimic the legendary Andrews Sisters, Sister Amnesia had a little trouble with her hat (like keeping it on her head) and threw in a little improvisation relevant to Sister Julia Child of God's soup - an improvisation that not only brought down the house but her fellow players as well.

Whether the number was "Soup's On" (aka "The Dying Nun Ballet) or "Baking with the BVM" (Blessed Virgin Mary), or the rousing bluesy "Holier Than Thou," the words best describing this production are hilarious, risqué, irreverent, and just plain funny.

The Encore Players still shine, though they are shining from quarters that make staging this play, and any other, somewhat difficult.

Displaced from their former quarters at Springfield's MacDuffie School, the company now operates out of the Lower Level Theater at St. Luke's Church, 961 St. James Avenue, Springfield (near-Serv-U). The quarters are tight, the seating is somewhat limited, but the show is worth it.

The company puts out 110 percent when it comes to energy and it shows.

"Nunsense," written by Dan Goggin, plays October 6th to 9th with 8:00 p.m. curtain, except for Sunday, which is a 2:00 p.m. matinee. Don't miss this one.

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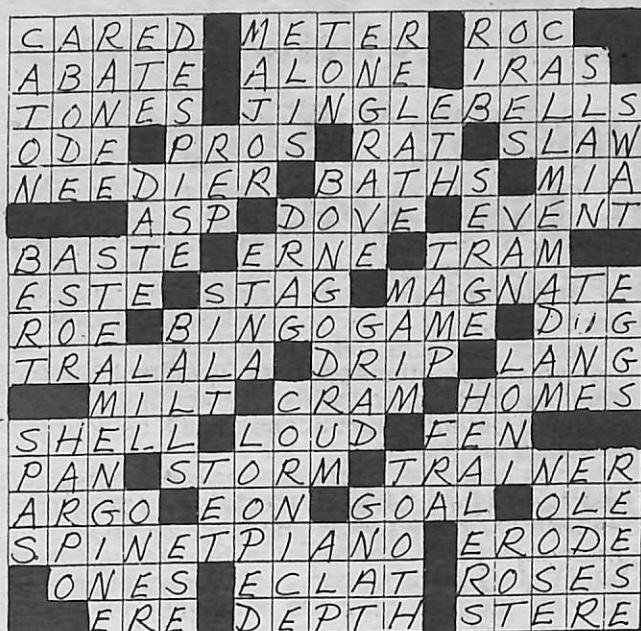
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24 Regatta boat  
27 Shoshonean  
29 Snatch  
33 "Shaky as —"  
34 "The lady —"  
36 Compass bearing  
37 Fred and Wilma Flintstone  
40 Plead  
41 Actress Perlmann et al  
42 Flower holders  
43 Tarzan's friends  
45 Seer's forte  
46 Slender candle  
47 Get a move on  
49 Toto's home state  
50 Lois Lane  
58 Songstress Dinah  
59 "— a kick out of..."  
60 Buck or kang follower  
61 Retained  
62 Gangster's girl  
63 Noose  
64 Went fast  
65 Female saint  
66 Pot starter

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2 Table spread  
3 What Bing did  
4 Break in two  
5 Entryway  
6 Pass a law  
7 Barbarian  
8 Water sport  
9 Exam type  
10 She had a lamb  
11 Ogle  
14 Football official  
15 Repute  
20 "— all and all for..."  
21 "Red as —"  
24 Nap  
25 Privet  
26 Hearing organ  
27 Open a bottle  
28 Baseball's Speaker  
30 Singer Della  
31 Actor Ed  
32 The "Good Queen"  
33 Swedish rock group  
34 Turner and Eisenhower  
35 Sofas  
38 Thing to turn?  
39 Destroy in comic strips  
44 Used with another  
46 "— tale" (squealer)  
48 Irate  
49 Went to one's knees  
50 Fellow  
51 Strong emotion  
52 Actress Basinger  
53 Often inflated things  
54 Big bash  
55 Golf club  
56 "— out" (discover)  
57 Jogger gait  
58 Draft org.

## Used Book Sale At Springfield Library October 12th-15th

The Friends of the Springfield City Library will hold their 14th annual used book and record sale from October 12th through 15th at Baystate West (in the former A.O. White store) in downtown Springfield.

Members of the Friends of the Library or of the Springfield Library & Museums are invited to opening night on Wednesday, October 12th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Members must present their membership cards. Nonmembers may purchase a \$4 Friends of the Library membership at the door.

Public hours are: Thursday, October 13th, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, October 14th, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 15th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

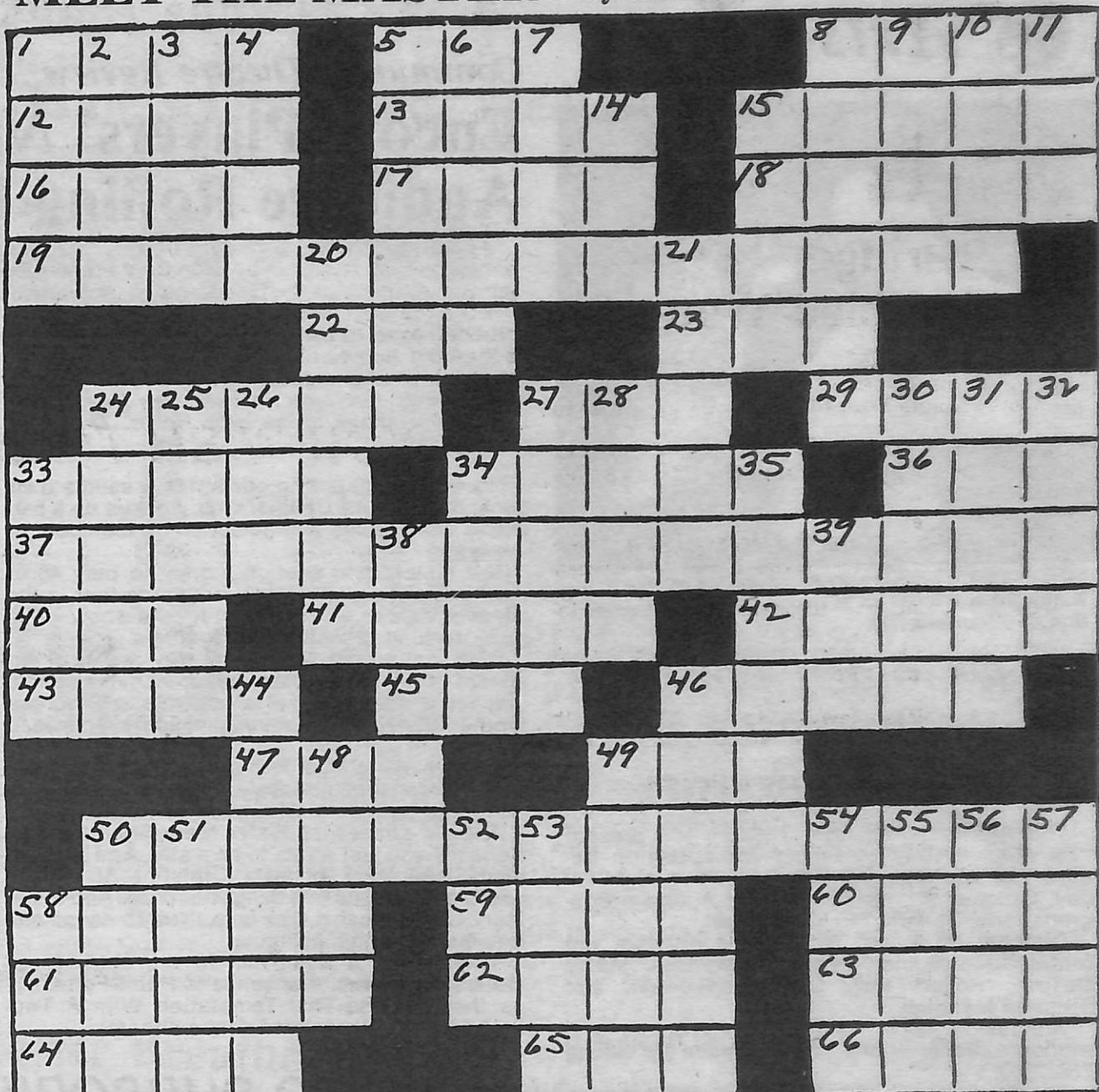
Approximately 20,000 books, records, and videocassettes have been donated by area residents, making this the largest used book sale in the region. Included are best-sellers, children's books, paperbacks, fiction, biography, poetry, history, cooking, crafts, and more.

Space for the book sale has been donated by Baystate West.

The Friends of the Library is an all-volunteer support organization with more than 1,000 members. The group supports the library's summer reading program for children, raises funds for the library system, and sponsors author's nights and other educational programs for the public.

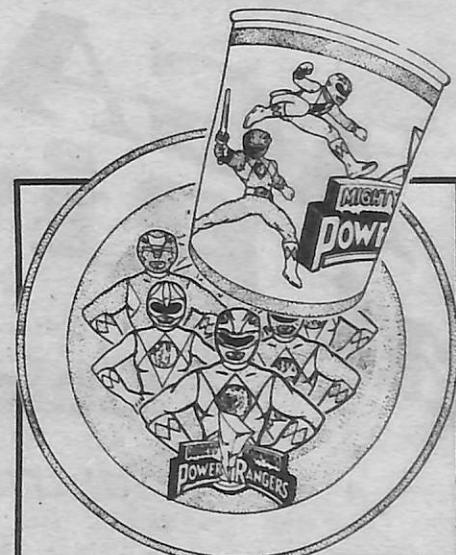
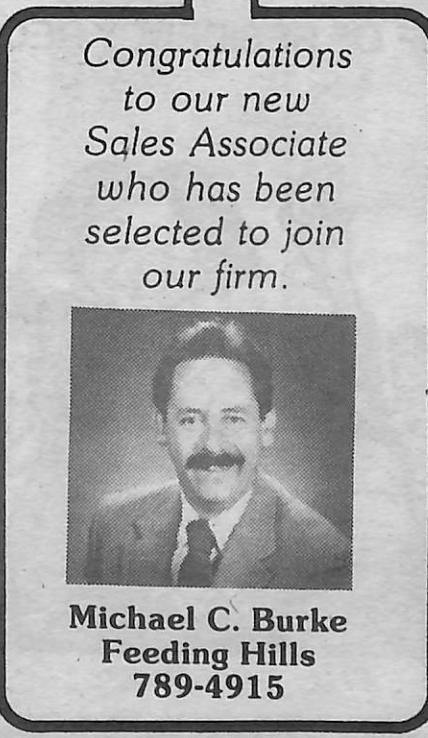
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**PISANO'S PICKS...**  
ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

## "Bridges" Over Troubled Waters

Similar to how we all have skeletons in our closets is the career of the Hollywood actor. It seems all actors have films that they'd prefer to forget.

Jeff Bridges is one of the obvious examples of this fact, and below are what I consider to be his troubled waters.

### \* Jagged Edge

*Director: Richard Marquand. 1985. Rated R. 1 hour and 48 minutes. Starring: Glenn Close, Jeff Bridges, Peter Coyote, Robert Loggia, and Leigh Taylor-Young.*

The only thing that turns off a moviegoer instantly are the "Yeah, right!" scenes in many movies. Before I digress, let me give you a brief description of this film.

A woman is ritually slain. Her husband is accused. He hires a lawyer. He has an affair with his lawyer during the trial which is filmed with totally unnecessary explicitity.

*Jagged Edge* is intended as a highly suspenseful thriller boasting such as acting talents as Glenn Close, Bridges, and Peter Coyote. For the most part it is, but the storyline suffers greatly from being farfetched and the actors involved try so hard to make it real that they wind up overacting.

The film is worth seeing, however, for there are some truly gripping moments; all I advise is to not take what you see as a representation of reality.

In real life, lawyers do not become romantically involved with their clients during a trial. They especially do not do so with a clever, vindictive, and downright nosey district attorney breathing down their necks.

This is hardly a reason to not suggest this film to you because the thrills and chills of this film are as clean as a cut from the knife used in the film; it's just that the realistic scenes appear in a jumbled fashion as jagged as the edge of the blade is. In other words, something very rough plays very smoothly. **2½ STARS.** (17 years and up.)

### \* Tron

*Director: Steven Lisberger. 1982. Rated PG. 1 hour and 36 minutes. Starring: Jeff Bridges, David Warner, Bruce Boxleitner, Cindy Morgan, and Barnard Hughes.*

This is definitely one of Bridges's biggest skeletons in his closet. He is zapped into a video game while investigating a crooked executive. Is it merely coincidence that this film came out when Pac Man was hip and Atari home video games were the fad?

Bridges wasn't bad in the film, but trying to be an intellectual actor in a mindless movie doesn't mix. It's this flaw that hurts *Tron* the most.

The best things I think you'll find about the picture are the special effects. They are quite impressive.

*Tron* isn't the pits; it just gets old very quickly and leaves you feeling ripped off. Bridges does the best he can, but unfortunately that's the downfall because the script doesn't even deliver. **2 STARS.** (13 years and up.)

### \* 8 Million Ways To Die

*Director: Hal Ashby. 1986. Rated R. 1 hour and 55 minutes. Starring: Jeff Bridges, Rosanna Arquette, Alexandra Paul, and Andy Garcia.*

Jeff Bridges plays a good neighbor who tries to help a prostitute escape her boss and boyfriend. Of course, there is a trail of danger that follows Bridges and co-star Rosanna Arquette.

The storyline drags much too much throughout the film, and even the acting isn't very convincing.

Bridges only knows why he accepted this role, but I hope he was paid well because this skeleton is hard to hide.

I wouldn't rent this flick unless you are a fan of Bridges and Arquette because out of the *8 Million Ways To Die*, watching this film must be one of them. **1 STAR.** (17 years and up.)

(WRITER'S POSTSCRIPT: I want to know what you think of "Pisano's Picks ... On Video." So send your comments, requests, and even your letters of damnation straight to me in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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The area's leading antique dealers will be on hand to help determine the identity and market value of antiques, rare objects, collectibles, and family heirlooms at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum's annual Appraisal Day, Sunday, October 16th.

Appraisals will be conducted from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the museum's Education Center in the Elijah Blake House at the Quadrangle.

For a fee of \$5 for one object and \$3 for each additional, experts will give a verbal appraisal from either the actual object or a good photograph showing several sides of the piece. (Members of

the Springfield Library & Museums: \$4 for one or \$9 for three.)

Shirley and Charles Fisher, owners of the Pink Parasol Antique Shop in Southampton, specialize in dolls and early furniture. Fred and Janice Pugliano, authorities on painting, prints, and silver, own Ashley Antiques in Westfield.

Bruce Smebakken, owner of the Amherst Auction Gallery, will be available for general appraisals. All appraisers donate their time so funds raised through the Appraisal Day directly benefit the historical museum.

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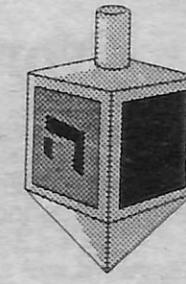
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# Great SPAM Recipes From THE BIG E

Thirty culinary pioneers from all over New England flocked to The Big E on September 26th to compete in the second annual Spam Recipe Contest, sponsored by Hormel Foods, which took place in the Trustees' Tent. This contest had all the elements of an A-List event: local celebrities, atmosphere, and great food!

The contestants were a diverse bunch, ranging in age from 20 to 73 years-old, from cities, towns, and suburbs across New England. Their recipes ranged from "Dam' That Spam Chili" to an elegant version of "Sweet-n-Sour Spam" with a candlelit presentation.

The judges for the contest were Gerard Kiernan, Eastern States Exposition director of operations and Spam fan; Wayne Miller, the first-place winner of 1993's Spam Recipe Contest at The Big E; and Tom Holt and Brad Shepard, both popular radio personalities of WMAS FM in Springfield. All judges dove into their tasting tasks with robust enthusiasm.

"I'll be back at 6:00 p.m. for dinner," Shepard quipped. "If you had take-out, you'd have it made!"

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Only three out of the 30 contestants could qualify for the first-, second-, and third-place awards, and judges made the painstaking decisions after careful consideration. The excitement built as Big E staff scorekeepers realized that although there was a clear first-place winner, three contestants were in a dead heat for second and third place ... a taste-off ensued.

The first-place winner was **Annette Sulser** of West Springfield, with her delicious "Spam Loaf with Fruit Glaze and Pineapple" recipe. Sulser garnered second-place honors in last year's Spam Recipe Contest at The Big E.

"I won the same clothes as I did to last year's contest," Sulser said. "I knew I was lucky."

Sulser won \$100 and was automatically entered into the national Spam Recipe Contest in which the grand prize is a trip to anywhere in the world where Spam is sold, plus \$1,000 spending money.

The second-place winner was **Richard Wegiel** of Springfield with "Szechuan Spam with Cashews." Wegiel's presentation had an Oriental flair with chopsticks for effect. This was Wegiel's first attempt at competitive cooking.

"This was my first cooking contest, but it was a neat experience ... I'd do it again," Wegiel said.

**Carol Zander**, another food contest neophyte of Westfield, took home third-place honors with her winning recipe, "One Bowl Spam Pinwheels with Pineapple Raisin Sauce." The "pinwheels" are actually doughy spirals with a delicious Spam filling. This recipe has been in the Zander family for over 25 years.

"I've been making this since my husband was in graduate school ... it was delicious and I could feed six people with this dish for about two dollars," Zander said.

The Spam contest also featured performances from the Mechanical Man, Randy Burns, and the Living Doll, Sharon Hallingdal. Their robotic antics added a unique twist to the Spam-fest.

THE BIG E concluded its big 17-day run on October 2nd. The 74th edition of "New England's Great State Fair" will take place September 15th through October 1st next year.

## WINNING "CREATE YOUR BEST SPAM RECIPE" ENTRIES FROM THE TOP THREE 1994 BIG E CONTEST WINNERS

*First-place recipe from Annette Sulser of West Springfield.*

### Spam Loaf with Fruit Glaze and Pineapple

#### Ingredients:

1 12-oz. can of Less Salt Spam  
3/4 lb. fresh ground pork  
2/3 cup fine dry bread crumbs  
1/4 cup onion (chopped fine)  
1/2 cup milk  
1 egg (slightly beaten)

Grind Spam. Combine all remaining ingredients with ground Spam, mixing well. Shape into oblong loaf and place in 11" by 6" loaf pan.

Bake in pre-heated oven at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

#### Glaze:

1/2 cup dark brown sugar  
1 tablespoon pineapple juice  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 8 oz. can sliced pineapple (in syrup) drained  
\* reserve juice and set aside

#### 3 maraschino cherries

Combine brown sugar, pineapple, and lemon juices. During the last 15 minutes of baking time, remove from oven and spoon fruit glaze over Spam Loaf. Arrange three pineapples on top of loaf with a cherry in the center of each. Return to oven and finish the remainder of baking time.

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#### Second-place "Create Your Best Spam Recipe" entry from Richard Wegiel of Springfield.

### Szechuan Spam with Cashews

#### Ingredients:

12 oz. of Spam Lite cut into 1/4 inch cubes  
8 oz. snow peas  
15 oz. can whole baby corn  
5 oz. can water chestnuts  
5 oz. can bamboo shoots  
5 oz. cashews  
1 small carrot (sliced)  
1 small onion (sliced)  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped ginger  
1 teaspoon chopped garlic  
1 tablespoon peanut oil  
1 tablespoon szechuan sauce  
1/4 cup soy sauce  
2 tablespoons black bean sauce  
6 cups cooked rice  
chow mein noodles

In hot wok, add peanut oil, garlic, and Spam Lite. Stir-fry for about four minutes and remove from wok. Set aside on paper towel to drain excess oil.

Add ginger, snow peas, baby corn, water chestnuts, bamboo shoots, carrots, onions, and cashews to hot wok and stir-fry for about two minutes.

Mix in soy sauce, szechuan sauce, and bean sauce to vegetables in wok and stir-fry for an additional minute.

Mix in cooked Spam Lite and stir-fry just to reheat and serve over cooked rice.

Add chow mein noodles and soy sauce at table to taste.

For a Polynesian flair, add 1 8 oz. can pineapple bits when reheating Spam prior to serving.

#### Third-place "Create Your Best Spam Recipe" winning entry from Carol Zander of Westfield.

### Spam Pinwheels with Pineapple Raisin Sauce

#### Ingredients:

1 1/4 to 1 1/2 cups pre-sifted flour  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 package Active Dry Yeast  
1/2 stick softened butter or margarine  
1/2 cup very hot water  
1 egg yolk

Mix 1/2 cup flour, sugar, salt, and undissolved dry yeast in a large bowl. Add softened butter or margarine. Gradually add very hot tap water to dry ingredients and beat two minutes at medium speed with electric mixer. Scrape bowl.

Add egg yolk and 1/2 cup flour. Batter will be thick. Beat on high for two more minutes, scraping bowl frequently. Stir in enough additional flour to make a stiff batter and shape into a ball. Cover bowl tightly with foil; chill two hours or up to two days.

Roll dough into a 12-inch square. Spread filling evenly over the dough. Roll as for a jelly-roll, pinching seam together. Cut into 12 pinwheels, approximately one inch wide. Place on a greased baking sheet. Bake 15-20 minutes at 400 degrees, or until lightly browned. Serve hot with raisin sauce.

**SPAM FILLING:** Combine one 12 oz. can of Spam Lite, minced, 1/2 pound browned and drained ground beef, 2 tablespoons prepared mustard, 1 egg, 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves, and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Mix thoroughly.

**PINEAPPLE RAISIN SAUCE:** Melt 1/4 cup butter in a saucepan. Remove from heat. Blend 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch with 1/8 cup water and blend into butter. Stir in one cup pineapple juice drained from one can of pineapple slices.

Return to stove and add 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar. Bring mixture to a boil, stirring constantly. Add 1/2 cup seedless raisins. Boil one minute. Serve on pinwheels with pineapple slices on plate.

Leftover pinwheels can be reheated easily in microwave. They hold their shape well. Take from refrigerator and microwave on high for two minutes.

## Norman Rockwell Art To Be Discussed At

Art historian Charles Hayward will discuss the illustrations of Norman Rockwell at the Art a la Carte program on Thursday, October 13th, at 12:15 p.m. at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts.

Hayward will show slides of work by Rockwell and other contemporary illustrators and trace Rockwell's role in elevating illustration to an art form.

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## Springfield Museum

museum admission of \$4 for adults or \$1 for children six through 18.

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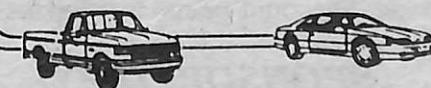
The museum is located at the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. For more information, call the museum education department at 413-733-4214.

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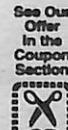
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DEBBIE RANDZIO (left) as Mother Abbess looks upon the new postulants Leanne Crowley and Meg Parks (front) while Laura Richardson, Irene Brown, and Peg Parks watch approvingly in the Hilltop Players' newest production, "The Sound of Music." Call (413) 789-2026 for further information.

## Springfield Symphony To Open Oct. 15th

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra will explode upon the area arts scene Saturday, October 15th at 8:00 p.m. when it launches its "Season of Surprises" with an opening night gala.

The event-filled evening will introduce a new guest conductor to Springfield classical music audiences, Paul Lustig Dunkel. Amherst-based oboist Fredric Cohen will be soloist, and Springfield Mayor Robert Markel will bestow a time capsule preserving 50 years of symphony memories. Following the concert, a reception will be held in the lobby and Mahogany Room open to all.

The first of the final four candidates aspiring to fill the shoes of former Music Director Raymond Harvey, Paul Lustig Dunkel will lead the SSO in a program of Mozart, Strauss, McTee and Thomson. Fredric Cohen, Principal Oboist, will continue the opening night tradition of featuring one of the Symphony's own musicians.

"When Raymond Harvey resigned last season, we initiated a national search," said Sue Davison, Executive Director of the SSO. "We received over 200 resumes to fill the music director position. In just three months of reviewing credentials and tapes, our Search Committee settled on four very talented candidates," she explained. They are Dunkel, who will be followed by Neal Gittleman on December 10th, Mark Russell Smith on February 11, 1995, and Peter Bay on March 11, 1995.

"One of the *Final Four* will become our next music director taking us into the 21st century," said Davison.

### Three Centuries

The program features Mozart's *Symphony No. 39 in E flat*, the first of Mozart's great trilogy. According to Dunkel, the piece's slow introduction is

solemn, arousing expectations and is very Baroque.

The guest soloist is Amherst resident Fredric Cohen, associate professor of music at the University of Massachusetts. He will perform the Strauss *Oboe Concerto*, a piece which is considered charming and reminiscent of his best operatic interludes.

The musical program will also include a short piece, *Circuits*, by American composer Cindy McTee and two works by Virgil Thomson: *Sea Piece with Birds* and *The Seine At Night*.

A discussion of the evening's program will be given by Maestro Dunkel as part of the *Words on Music* series held across the street from Symphony Hall in Old First Church. The talk begins at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public at no charge.

Following the performance, the festivities continue with a gala dessert reception open to all concertgoers. The desserts will be donated by Peter's Grille at the Sheraton, Cafe Manhattan, Tilly's Restaurant, Simpsons' Gourmet, Spoleto Restaurant, and North Star Seafood Restaurant and Bar.

Tickets are available for the October 15th "Opening Night Gala" concert at the Springfield Symphony Box Office at 75 Market Place in Springfield (behind Johnson's). Ticket prices are \$6, \$10, \$22, \$29, and \$32 and are available by phone by calling 733-2291. Subscriptions and special concert packages are still available.

Opening night is sponsored by American Saw and Mfg. Company. All Springfield Symphony concerts are funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Endowment of the Arts, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

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## Hilltop Players Slate Two Auditions For Christmas Production

The Hilltop Players are announcing open auditions for their third production of the '94-'95 season, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson.

Four adult males, six adult females, plus eight boys and nine girls are needed to present this holiday classic.

This hilarious story concerns the efforts of a married couple trying to put on the annual church Christmas pageant despite having to cast the Herdman kids—probably the meanest, nastiest, most inventively awful kids in the history of the world.

You won't believe the mayhem, and the fun, when the Herdmans meet the Christmas story in a head-on collision! *McCall's Magazine* calls it "An American classic" and the *Seattle Times* called it "One of the best Christmas stories ever and certainly one of the funniest."

Auditions will be held Sunday, October 9th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Monday, October 10th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. Auditioners will be asked to do cold readings from the play. The play is adapted from the novel by Barbara Robinson for those who wish to get a copy from their library to read ahead of time.

The Hilltop Players is a family-oriented community theatre group. This non-profit group is currently in production with "The Sound of Music" and welcomes those interested in auditioning to come see this latest endeavor and to meet the directors, Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons.

For more information or to reserve tickets, please call (413) 789-2026.

## St. Martha Players To Stage "Annie"

The St. Martha Players of Enfield will be presenting the musical "Annie" for their fall production. This is a fun-filled, family entertainment "must see" for the month of November.

Performances will be held on November 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, and 19th. The Friday and Saturday performances will start at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday matinee performances on November 6th and 13th will be at 2:00 p.m.

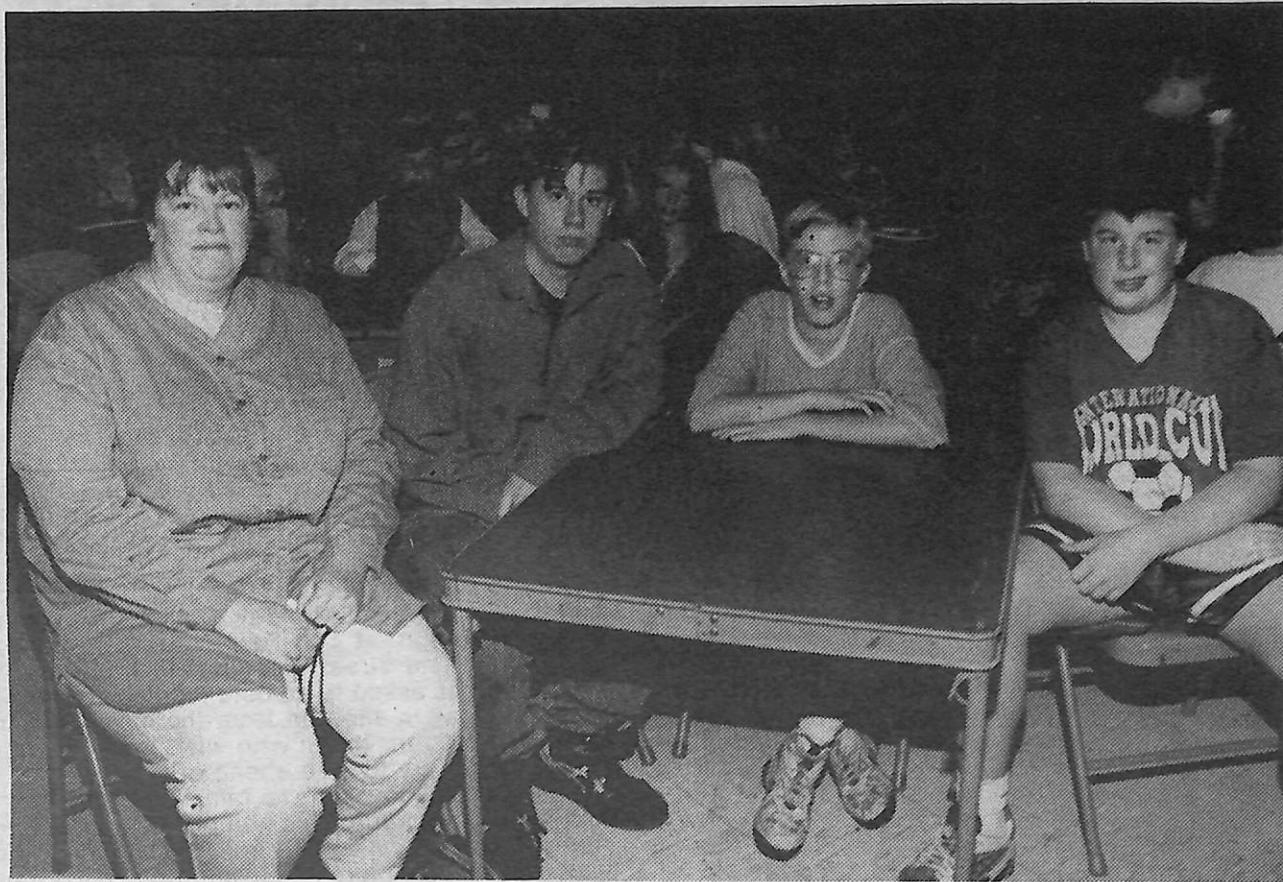
Ticket prices will be \$10 for adults, and \$9 for senior citizens and children under 12 (except on opening night when all tickets will be \$9). All performances will be held in the Goulet Hall at St. Martha Church on Brainard Road in Enfield, Connecticut.

Tickets may be reserved by calling (203) 745-6368. Please note that this is a new telephone number; we regret any inconveniences if you tried calling the number we have used in the past. All seats must be reserved.

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# Education



MEMBERS OF THE NASCIMBENI FAMILY learned about their connection to genealogist Wes Patience at a special program for Project S.E.E. students from fourth grades in the Agawam Schools. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## Project S.E.E. Fourth Graders Learn About Researching Family History

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

When he began searching for his great-grandparents' graves in the Springfield Cemetery, Wes Patience had no idea his search for a true understanding of the everyday lives of his ancestors would eventually lead to the publication of his first book, the collection of enough material for two more books and the discovery of dozens of relatives he never knew existed, including the Nascimbeni family of Agawam.

Patience recently traveled from his home in Foxboro to spend some time with Ann Bradford's fourth grade Project S.E.E. students sharing "the love of my life: history."

Mrs. Bradford arranged for Patience to meet with her students in the Fellowship Room of the Agawam Congregational Church, a particularly apt setting. A display of the collected scrapbooks of the church's parishioners, along with photos and historic documents chronicling the church's recently celebrated 175th anniversary, served as a backdrop for the historian's tale of his research into the three branches of his family tree that took root in the Pioneer Valley.

Patience said he hoped to preserve the memories of the older population through his books. Patience encouraged the children to turn on a tape recorder and ask their grandparents and elderly relatives to reminisce about their lives. "As long as we can preserve it and record it, the memory will last forever," Patience said.

### 100 Years Of History

With an enthusiasm impossible to resist, Patience took the children on his incredible journey into 100 years of the history of the Pioneer Valley as he traced the branches of the Huntington, Warner, and Patience families from 1860 through 1960. Along the way, Patience brought to life the stories of the ordinary people behind the dry facts gleaned from cemetery records, birth certificates, and tax records.

"Research is not a dirty word," Patience told the students. "It's fascinating! You never know what's on the next page."

Patience's search through his family's history led him from many local cemeteries. He's on a first-name basis with the caretakers of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum in Springfield. He even spent time on the grounds of a prison that used to be the Grafton State Mental Hospital.

Along the way, Patience discovered some unexpected family connections to the Declaration of Independence (ancestor Samuel Huntington signed it) and Springfield's celebrated author of children's books, Dr. Seuss (his father and Theodore Geisel were fraternity brothers at Dartmouth).

Attending the program with members of his daughter Victoria's class, Town Council President James Taylor heard a familiar story of tracing

family connections through information gathered at ancient family gravesites.

"My mother has been doing this for 20 years," Taylor said.

By digging through the archives as well as family records, Jean Taylor has discovered links between the Taylor clan and President John Adams and Helen Keller. Through her work on the Annie Sullivan memorial project, Mrs. Taylor discovered that Mary Taylor had been a childhood playmate of the girl who grew up to be known as the miracle worker for her work with Helen Keller.

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WES PATIENCE spoke to Project S.E.E. students at the Agawam Congregational Church on September 26th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## AGAWAM LITTLE LEAGUE General Meeting

Place:  
Italian Sporting Club  
Agawam  
Date: October 11th  
Time: 8:00 P.M.



This meeting is open to all parents and coaches whose children will be playing baseball for the Agawam Little League in the spring. This is the only meeting we will have before sign-ups, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

We will also be holding elections for the 1995 Board of Directors.

Questions will be answered, and any concerns parents or coaches have will be addressed at this time.

Please make every effort to attend. A successful 1995 season depends on parents and coaches.

# Phelps Parents To Wait-And-See About Crowding

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Parents of Phelps School third graders are adopting a wait-and-see attitude toward the solution offered by Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder to deal with the large number of students in the three classes.

With 29 students in each of the third grade classes at Phelps, Ryder first proposed hiring one classroom aid to assist the three teachers for half of the school day.

However, after meeting with parents, Ryder agreed to provide one full-time teaching assistant to be shared by the three classes. At the September 27th meeting of the School Committee, Ryder said he would be interviewing candidates for the job within a week.

Parent Deborah Sekula presented the School Committee with a petition signed by 62 Phelps parents calling their attention to the "dire need" to address the problem of overcrowding that has been a program since the children were in kindergarten.

Although the parents are pleased to be getting full-time help for the third grade teachers, Mrs. Sekula called the plan a "band-aid" solution.

Mrs. Sekula said the parents were grateful that Ryder had been so willing to work with them, adding that Phelps Principal Robert Farrell was "beyond cooperative."

However, the parents plan to go back to the teachers after the teaching assistant has been onboard for a reasonable length of time to determine whether or not the problem has been adequately relieved.

#### Parents Willing To Work With Administrators

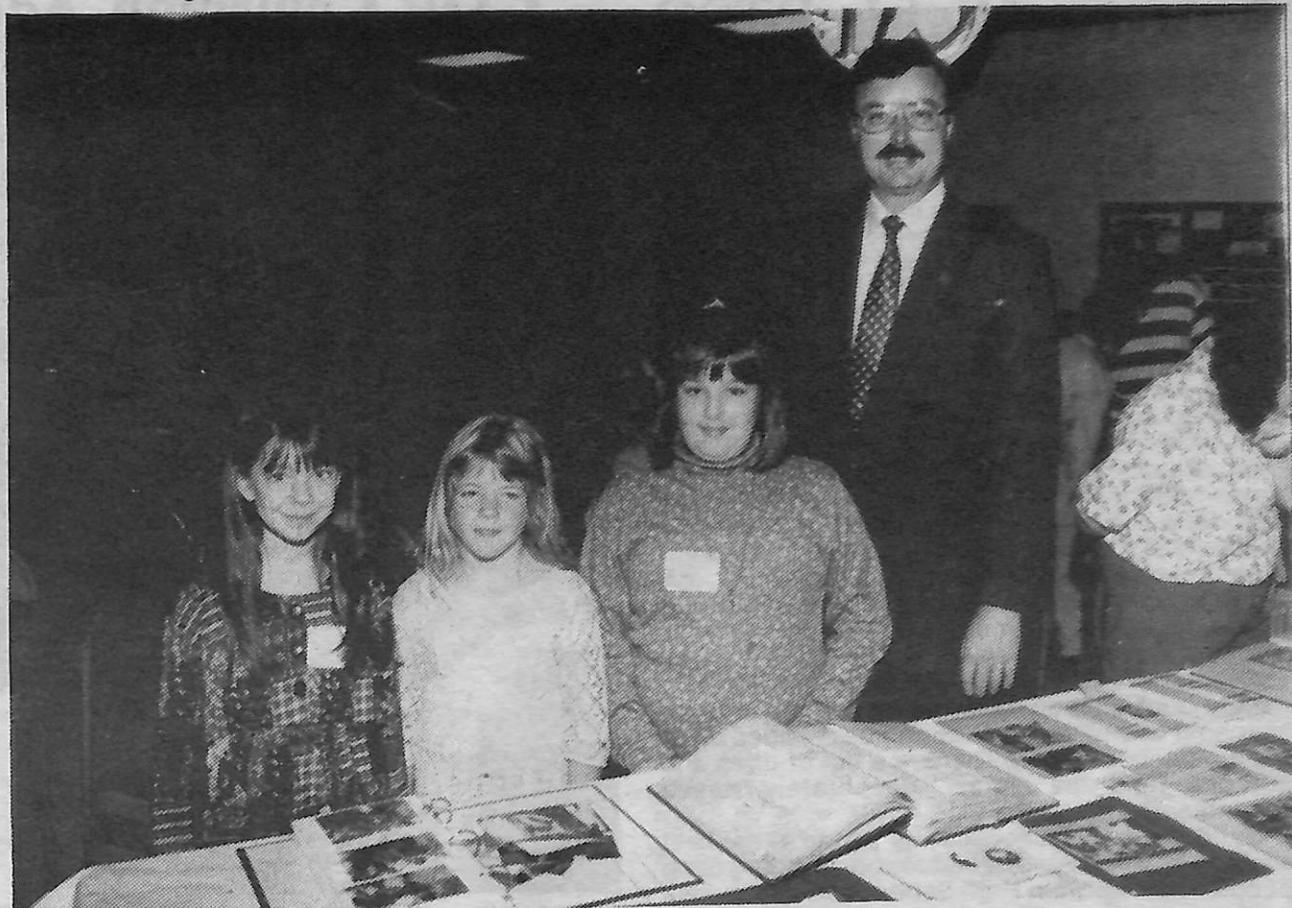
Mrs. Sekula said the parents are willing to work with school administrators to find a viable solution before the children move on to the fourth grade.

"We feel in the long term, we need a better solution," Mrs. Sekula said.

Currently, there are three fourth grade classrooms at Phelps. According to Mrs. Sekula, the rooms are smaller and there is not enough room for 29 desks.

Ryder said there isn't enough classroom space to make another third or fourth grade class.

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PROJECT S.E.E. students Jodie Pfau, Nicole Gendreau, and Yole Russo are pictured with Town Council President James D. Taylor at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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##### Student Discovers Family Connection

Mrs. Bradford first became aware of Patience's work last spring when Stephen Nascimbeni, then a student in her Project S.E.E. group at Clark School, brought in a copy of Patience's newly-published family history, "Say Good-bye to the Valley," and announced, "My family is in there!"

Stephen's mother, Jackie Nascimbeni, said Patience's research eventually led him to her husband's grandmother, Ruth Hart of Wilbraham, who quickly earned the nickname "Ruth the Sleuth" for her efforts in aiding the search for the family's ancestors. "Wes (Patience) hit a gold mine when he hooked up with her," Mrs.

Nascimbeni said. "She had boxes of old photos."

Checking the tax rolls, Mrs. Hart was able to trace the last survivor of Patience's family in the Connecticut Valley to a nursing home. A year of patient detective work went into reuniting Patience with the woman whose name and date of birth he had first seen engraved on a family tombstone in Sunderland. It was often the custom to engrave names of family members on a family headstone before their death, Patience said.

Bedridden for six months during a childhood illness, Patience turned to reading, particularly histories, and a lifelong passion for the past ignited.

A deli-clerk by night, Patience spends his days unraveling the clues to his family's story and working on his next book.

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## Agawam High's PTSO Sponsoring "Adopt A Book" Campaign

The Agawam High School library is in dire need of books. Presently, the library is about 5,000 volumes short of the national standard for a school of this size.

Massive budget cuts have hit the library hard and, along with the rising cost of books, the AHS library has only one-fourth of the buying power it had 20 years ago. Back in 1974, four books could have been bought for the cost of one book today.

In order to help, the Agawam High School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization is sponsoring an "Adopt A Book" campaign. People wishing to adopt a book may send in their donation to the "AHS PTSO Library Fund" in care of Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001. When your donation is received, a book will be purchased and your name will be permanently placed inside the book.

Another way to help build up the library is to donate books. If you have books at home that are no longer useful to you, they can be dropped off at the high school office. There is a list of titles and authors that the library desperately needs available at the school.

Building up the school library is one of the best ways to guarantee a good education for our young people. The Agawam High School library provides books and information to coincide with the high school curriculum. Students make use of the library's facilities during their study periods and are able to complete assignments and reports using materials pertinent to their needs.

By adopting or donating books through the Agawam High School PTSO, you are contributing to the education of our young people and to the future of our community. Anyone wishing to donate their time or if you have any questions, please call Nancy Melbourne at 786-1418, or Joann McGeoghan at 786-1982.

The PTSO thanks you for your support and would love to see the library shelves FULLY stocked.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, October 10th:** Columbus Day (no school).

**Tuesday, October 11th:** National School Lunch Week—Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with creamy Italian dressing, chilled sliced peaches, milk.

**Wednesday, October 12th:** Taco beat with lettuce, tomato and shredded cheese, fiesta Mexican corn, bunch of fresh seedless grapes, milk.

**Thursday, October 13th:** Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, tomato & rice au gratin, seasoned peas & carrots, wacky chocolate cake with icing, milk.

**Friday, October 14th:** 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 Fluffernutter sandwich, oven-baked potato with cheddar cheese sauce, chilled fruit cup, milk.

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Although the School Committee approved a plan calling for additions and renovations at the four elementary schools in September, it is expected to take three to five years to obtain school building assistance funds from the state.

Third grade classes at the other schools average about 23 students per class.

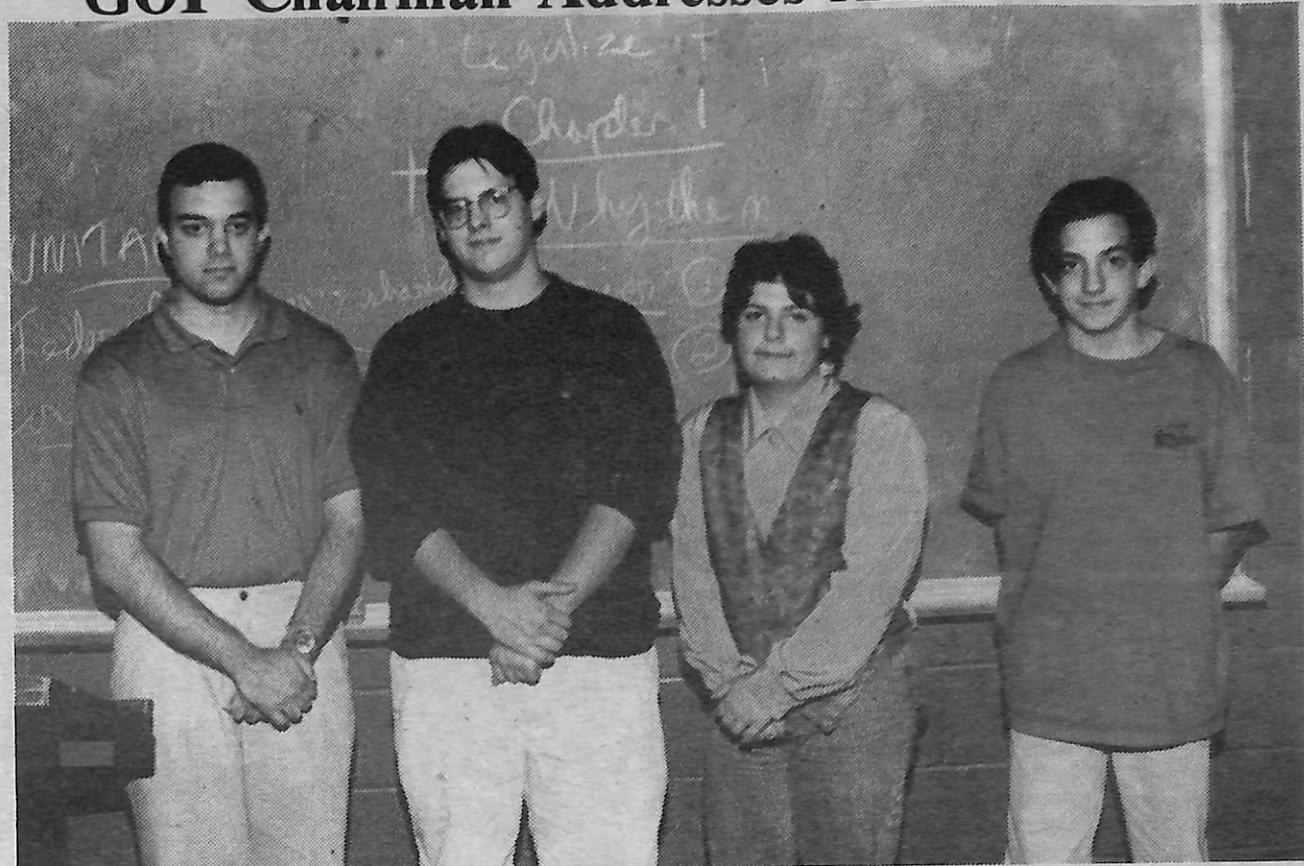
The report of the Language Arts Task Force of the Curriculum Review Committee (accepted by the School Committee in February) recommends hiring a teaching assistant when class size in grade three exceeds 28 students.

Contacted after the meeting, Farrell said the teachers are happy to be getting the help.

"If I had an extra room, I would have made another third grade," Farrell said.

Farrell said he felt the problem would resolve itself for this year with the addition of the teaching assistant.

## GOP Chairman Addresses AHS Students



**FORMER AGAWAM HIGH GRADUATE** Chris Quatrone, chairman of the Agawam Republican Town Committee, met with Model Congress students at Agawam High School on September 22nd. Quatrone was a Model Congress member when he attended AHS. From left - Chris Quatrone, John Manning, Courtney Limbert, and Ed Shibley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam High's Marching Mohawks Have A New Motto: Rain, Rain!

by Jeanne O'Neil  
Member Of AHS Marching Mohawks

The Agawam High Marching Mohawks have a new motto—"Let it rain, let it rain, let it rain!"

At 10:30 a.m. last Saturday (October 1st), the band arrived at the high school for a brief run-through of their field show performance. The sun was out, and it was looking like a pretty nice day. The run-through went off well, and the band boarded the buses to take them to the American International College Homecoming football game.

However, as the band approached AIC, the clouds started to roll in. As the band members marched in a short parade down the street and onto the football field, the first small drops of rain began to fall. By the time the band had set up for the half-time show, the rain was coming down harder. The band had Big E flashbacks!

This did not hinder the performance, however.

The show (which consists of music from the Broadway play *Fiddler on the Roof*) turned out well. The crowd seemed to especially enjoy Part Three of the show, in which the "Bottle Dance" was performed by the colorguard.

The band members were cold and wet, but they were pleased with their performance; this was the first time that the field show had been presented to the public. (The band played the music at the Big E, but did not do the routine that goes with it like they did at AIC.)

So, did you miss the performance at the AIC Homecoming game? If so, don't worry—the band will be at Agawam's first home football game this Friday night (October 7th), and also in the Columbus Day Parade on Sunday (October 9th).

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# AHS Senior Anthony Newman Joins School Committee As Student Rep.

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

As this year's Agawam High School representative to the School Committee, senior Anthony Newman will be taking his seat on the stage next to Scott Macey at the bi-monthly televised meetings.

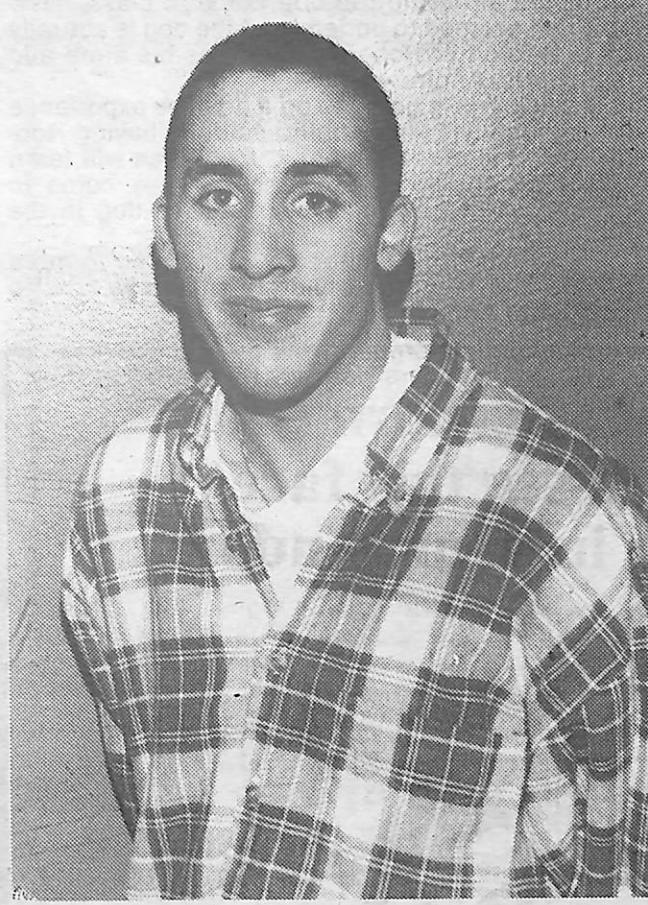
Newman brings a variety of interests and an impressive resume to the job: Model Congress, Computer Club, recommended for a black belt in Tae Kwon-Do, cameraman, disc jockey, and a private in the U.S. Army Reserves.

After the September 13th School Committee meeting, Newman was surprised at the number of students who had seen the broadcast. "I didn't know so many people watched it," Newman said.

Newman expects to put the experience he's gained through his involvement in the Model Congress to work at the School Committee meetings. He says he doesn't intend to "just sit there."

Newman said he has been talking with students and teachers about the accomplishments as well as the problems to be addressed at AHS and will be representing the interests of the school at the meetings. "I want to let people know what's going on (in a positive way) at the school, and I want to let them know what we need," Newman said.

Elected to his slot on the School Committee during class elections last spring, Newman first became aware of the position while he was working as a volunteer cameraman for the cable access channel. Watching former student James Willis take his seat with the School Committee members sparked Newman's interest in taking on the job during his senior year.



AHS SENIOR ANTHONY NEWMAN

#### Researching School Committee's Resolutions

Well-versed in the process by which legislation is enacted into law by the Congress, Newman is researching the School Committee's resolutions to familiarize himself with the issues and the process of local government.

As a first-time voter, Newman is looking forward to participating in the November elections.

Although he no longer has the time to volunteer in the booth for the cable access broadcasts, Newman hasn't given up working behind a videocamera. During The Big E, Newman was one of the cameramen for F & F Productions during the nightly concerts at the Miller Stage. "I think it's the best job there," Newman said.

The end of The Big E will not leave Newman with time on his hands, however. Newman will be back working the lights or running the fog machine for his father's entertainment company, Rob Anthony Productions. Newman said they work together as DJs and each take turns at the mike.

In addition to his work as a cameraman, Newman enjoys computer programming and repair. As a member of the AHS Computer Club, Newman recently helped with the installation of the computer system at the school's library.

And if all that's not enough to keep him busy, Newman is a member of the U.S. Army Reserves, assigned to the 76th Training Battalion in East Windsor, Connecticut.

#### The Army's Delayed-Entry Program

Taking advantage of the Army's delayed-entry program, Newman was able to enlist during the

school year and report for boot camp during the summer. The Reserves reclaims his services for one weekend a month and for two weeks active duty each year.

Of the eight weeks he spent at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Newman said, "It was awesome. I wish I was still there."

Newman said the biggest adjustment for him was getting used to the morning rush of 60 men hitting the showers and making formation in just 15 minutes.

Despite the regimentation of boot camp, Newman said he enjoyed the independence he had being treated as an adult. Returning to the role of a high school student isn't always easy. Newman said his experiences at Fort Jackson have had an effect on his outlook on life. "I have a more realistic view of the options for the future,"

Newman said.

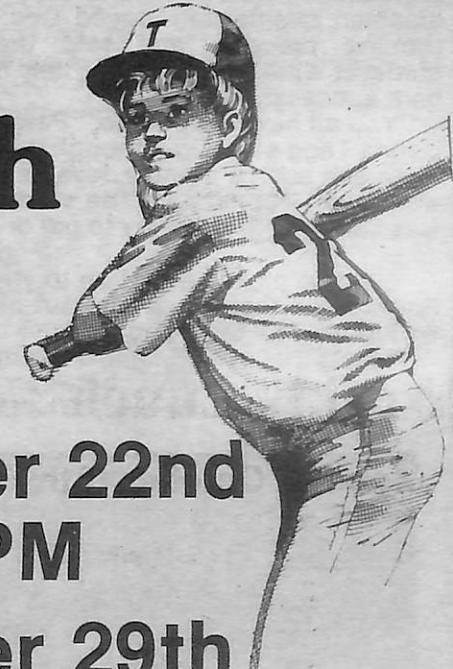
Newman believes all young men and women should go through some sort of basic military service. "It would show kids another outlook on life," Newman added.

Although he hasn't made up his mind, Newman doesn't rule out the possibility of a career in the military. Hoping to major in computer science in college, Newman has applied for entry into the ROTC Program at Western New England College.

A student at Die Hard of Agawam, Newman plans to try out for the All-Army National Tae Kwon-Do team once he receives his black belt. With a number of successes at regional tournaments, Newman has just one more step to achieve the black belt.

Newman lives with his parents, Robert and Kathy, and a sister, Elisa (15), in Agawam.

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# Service Dog Aids Ron Dutton At Middle School

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Like many 11 year-old boys, Ronnie Dutton has a dog. But "Doc" is not a pet.

Like most golden retrievers, Doc is good at fetching things. But you won't see Doc fetching sticks for fun.

When Doc fetches, it's no game. In fact, it can be deadly serious.

Doc fetches lots of things for Ronnie: pencils, dropped forks, ringing telephones, and people.

When Ronnie gives the signal, Doc is trained to go immediately to the nearest person in the house and bring help back to his master. Doc is also trained to open doors, assist in making sales transactions, and pull a wheelchair.

Doc is a service dog. It's his job to help Ronnie gain as much independence as possible in his struggle to overcome the obstacles Muscular Dystrophy puts in his way every day.

Recently, Doc began accompanying Ronnie to Joanne Annino's fifth grade classroom at the Middle School.

Before his first day at school, assemblies were held to acquaint the staff and students with Doc's unique mission and to gain their assistance in helping Doc do his job.

## Not A Pet

Building Principal Ralph Zavarella said it was important to familiarize the students with the concept of having a working dog at their school. "This shouldn't be perceived as bringing a pet to school," Zavarella said.

Field trainers from "Paws With a Cause," the organization that trains and supplies the dogs to disabled clients, introduced Doc, explained the training process, and told the faculty and students what they can do to help Ronnie and Doc be a successful team.

"You all have a job to do," Paws spokeswoman Donna Tagg said. Even though it is difficult not to approach such a friendly, lovable dog, that is just what must not happen. The students were told it was vital that they not try to pet or even talk to the dog.

"He'd be paying attention to you rather than to Ronnie and that would distract him from the job he has to do," Ms. Tagg said.

Noting that even Ronnie's family is not allowed to interrupt the bonding between the two by petting Doc, Linda Hume said, "The first month is go-

ing to be very difficult for them to adjust to school. That's why it is so important for you to help them."

On duty 24 hours a day, Doc is an extension of his master and the two have become a closely knit team. Lynne Dutton, Ronnie's mother, explained that in order to maintain the special bond that develops between service dogs and their owners, Ronnie and Doc must not be separated for long periods of time.

When he's not filling in as his master's arms and legs, Doc finds a spot for himself at Ronnie's side, maintaining physical contact.

"He's a 'velcro puppy,'" Ronnie explained. "He likes to touch me. It makes him feel safe."

## Good Will Ambassador For Western Mass. MDA

Diagnosed with muscular dystrophy four years ago, Ronnie serves as a Good Will Ambassador for the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. His entire family has become active in supporting MDA's work in funding the research necessary to find a cure for the progressively disabling disease.

"It's a fight we're all in together," Mrs. Dutton said.

Nominated for the President's Youth Service Award for her work for the MDA, 14 year-old Jessica Dutton received the proclamation signed by President Clinton at this year's local broadcast of the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

"She knows how important this is for her brother's life," Mrs. Dutton said.

Mrs. Dutton credits a network of family friends with making Ronnie's partnership with Doc possible. When Ronnie was first diagnosed with MD, Tammy Ely, John Bretton, and Sue and Dom Pisano set about organizing fundraisers to provide the funds for future needs.

At first, the Duttons were reluctant to agree, but now Mrs. Dutton says, "It was the best thing they could have done to insist."

When the Duttons became aware of the possibility of getting a service dog for their son, the \$8,500 needed for acceptance into the training program was already secure.

Springfield breeder Wendy Gaudette donated the golden retriever puppy to the training program specially for Ronnie. After six months of intensive training for Doc at the "Paws With a Cause" train-

ing center in Michigan, and a further three months of training at home with Ronnie, Doc is adding a new dimension of independence and confidence to his master's life.

## A New Life Through Independence

"This has brought a new life to Ronnie," Mrs. Dutton said. "Doc gives him an independence we never thought he'd have."

With his training nearly over, Doc is already showing that he's really learned his job. At a recent family outing to an area restaurant, Mrs. Dutton related that the other diners were amazed when they rose to leave and Doc came out from his spot under the table. "They never even knew he was there," Mrs. Dutton said.

A recent trip to a local video store was equally successful. Doc is trained to take Ronnie's purchases to the counter, deliver the money to the clerk, and return the bag containing the purchase and the change to Ronnie.

Mrs. Dutton said the response from area businesses has been "very receptive."

The only problem in going out into the community has been in getting the message across that the dog absolutely cannot be approached and petted.

Even though Doc wears a backpack identifying him as a service dog with an important job to do, there have been times when children and their parents have persisted in trying to make friends with the dog, despite the Duttons' attempts to explain the situation.

Frustrated by such confrontations, Mrs. Dutton shrugged, "You just have to deal with it."

After attending the orientation assembly with her class, Mrs. Annino said she didn't foresee any problems in having the dog come to class. "The children seemed to understand the dog is actually an extension of Ronnie, serving as his arms and legs," Mrs. Annino said.

"I think this is going to be a positive experience for everybody," Mrs. Annino said. By having Ronnie and Doc at the school, the children will learn how they should react whenever they come in contact with a seeing-eye or service dog in the future.

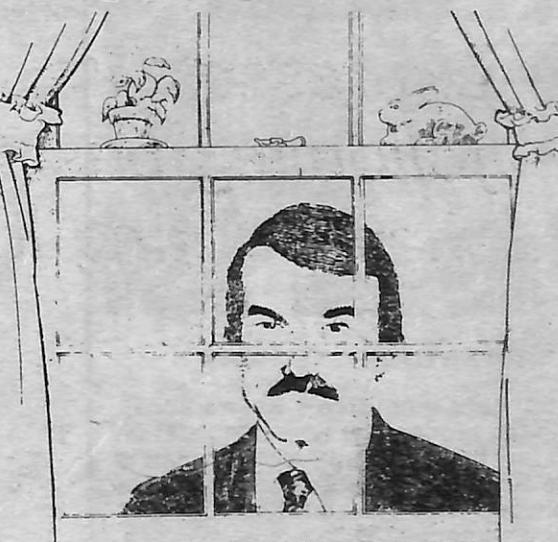
"Hopefully, this will become available to more people and they (the children) will know how to act," Mrs. Annino said.



AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT RON DUTTON is assisted throughout the day by his service dog, "Doc." Ron has Muscular Dystrophy. "Doc" is from the "Paws With A Cause" Program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## AHS Cheerleaders Plan Bottle & Can Drive For Oct. 17th-22nd

The Agawam High School cheerleaders will be conducting a fundraising bottle and can drive during the week of October 17th-22nd.

The cheerleader organization has fallen victim to the school department budget cuts, and has found its budget cut 100 percent. Without any money at all to see themselves through the 1994-1995 school year, the cheerleaders will have to rely on fundraising to find the necessary money to purchase needed items.

This year, the squad is in need of new basketball/competition uniforms and must try to raise close to \$2,000 to purchase these uniforms. There are several new girls on the squad and they must each purchase new jackets for the fall season. They will also need money to pay for entrance fees to the cheering competitions in the spring.

During the week of October 17th-22nd, the girls will be calling on their neighbors and friends for on-the-spot donations of cans and bottles. Those who wish to can take their donations to the One Stop Redemption Center at 1266 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills and inform the cashier that they wish to donate the money to the cheerleaders.

Several cheerleaders will be at the center during the day on Saturday, October 22nd and they will be asking people to donate their cans and bottles to their cause.

It will be a great way for the public to lend its support to the cheerleaders (which it has always done, with great appreciation from the squad!) without really feeling it in their pocketbook. They look forward to your generous donations!



AIC PRESIDENT Harry Courniotes welcomes freshman Addie Hume of Agawam with her parents, Mary & Don Hume, at a Welcome Cookout in September.

## AIC Welcomes Addie Hume At Cookout

American International College's Orientation turned into a family celebration when incoming students and their family members gathered at the Welcome Cookout, September 4th, marking the start of a new school year.

AIC's enrollment increased by 14 percent this year. More than 400 students arrived on the campus Labor Day Weekend for a series of games, educational and social events, September 4th-6th.

Addie Hume of Agawam attended the Welcome

Cookout with her parents, Mary and Don Hume. Addie, a graduate of Agawam High School, is a liberal arts major at AIC.

Mary Hume recently graduated from AIC, and her husband, Don, is currently taking night classes at the college.

Orientation was designed to introduce students to campus life while they get acquainted with one another. This year's theme was "Beginning a Brighter Future."

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## Grade 2 - Room 6 James Clark School Mrs. Goodwin's Class

### *Autumn's Apple Authors*

In celebration of Autumn and Johnny Appleseed, Room 6 has been busy fact finding! Divided into three groups, the children brainstormed to recall interesting apple facts. As a reward for their hard work, the class enjoyed making and eating applesauce.

### *Group I - "Apple Facts"*

by Ryan Walsh, Joey DeLuca, Bryan Riley, Jenny Dyson, Stacy Haesaert, Ashley Suffriti, Michael Santos, Nicole Struck

An apple is a fruit and grows on trees. Apple flowers are pink and white. Each flower is the beginning of an apple. Apples can be red, green or yellow. The golden delicious apple was first grown in 1912 by a farmer in West Virginia. Apples are round and tasty. Most people love to eat them!

### *Group II - "Johnny Appleseed"*

by Christopher Baum, Andrew Moriarty, Sarah Clark, Derek Pelley, Emily Gordon, Corinne Cardin, Heather Rennell, Megan Quinlan

Johnny Appleseed was born in Massachusetts on September 26, 1774. His real name was John Chapman. Johnny spent his life growing apple seeds and giving them as gifts. He traveled across the United States.

Johnny loved nature, people and telling stories. He wore a pot on his head and carried a sack on his back. He was loved by everyone who met him.

### *Group III - "Making Applesauce"*

by Ashley Richards, Emily Siedlik, Daniel Murphy, Nicholas Raleigh, Ryan Harlow, Chase Sardella, Joey Grady, Courtney Mondon, Nicole Woszczyna

To make applesauce you need apples, sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. We used a hot plate to heat the apples. Chefs stirred in the ingredients. Then we mashed the apples. Applesauce was served in cups and we ate cookies with our applesauce. Other foods made from apples that we like to eat and drink are: apple pie, apple juice and apple cider.

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CLARK SCHOOL SECOND GRADERS, from left - Andrew Moriarty, Ryan Walsh, and Derek Pelley stir their applesauce last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CLARK SCHOOL SECOND GRADE TEACHER Beverly Goodwin and members of her class made homemade applesauce last week. From left - Mrs. Goodwin, Emily Siedlik, Stacy Haesaert, and Ashley Richards. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo  
Chairman

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered on Saturday, October 15, 1994 at the Agawam High School. The test fee is \$11 and should be paid by Wednesday, October 12, in order to insure a reservation for the test. Tickets can be purchased from our guidance secretary, Mrs. Tironi. The test is open to juniors and some sophomores.

Students received an informational bulletin that contains sample questions. I encourage both students and family members to read this bulletin.

Requiring students to reason and not merely recall, the new PSAT/NMSQT—like the earlier test—assesses knowledge and skills that students develop through courses in English, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign languages, and fine arts, as well as through experiences outside the classroom.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures developed verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities important for academic performance in college. It assesses ability to reason with facts and concepts rather than the ability to recall and recite them. The changes in the new PSAT/NMSQT place a priority on the critical thinking skills educators emphasize. In addition, new test questions are more like exercises students do in class.

The new PSAT/NMSQT includes two verbal sections with a total of 58 questions and two math

sections with a total of 50 questions. In the new format, students are presented with a verbal section, followed by a math section, then verbal, and math again. Each section is 30 minutes; the whole test requires two hours.

### **GUIDANCE BULLETIN**

**COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES:** If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

**October 11th:** Lyndon State (VT), 8:00 a.m.; Providence, 10:00 a.m.; Quinnipiac, 1:00 p.m.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** See your counselor for more information.

**St. Michael's College State Scholarship:** If you plan to apply to St. Michael's and have a minimum B average, see Mr. Cavallo for more information.

**Walter S. Barr Scholarship:** This local scholarship is based on the following: school records, recommendations, and S.A.T. scores (with due consideration given to the financial need of the candidate). Students must have S.A.T. scores sent directly to this scholarship committee. Deadline: December 20, 1994.

**Boston University College of Engineering Scholarship:** To take the exam to qualify for this scholarship, a student must apply by October 31, 1994.

**Ursinus College Merit Scholarships:** Available to students who plan to attend Ursinus.

**Cedar Crest College Scholarships:** Open to students who apply to Cedar Crest.

**OPEN HOUSES:** See your counselor for more information.

**Skidmore College:** October 10th and October 24th, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Drew University:** October 10th and November 11th.

**Hallmark Inst. of Photography:** October 23rd and November 20th, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Elms College:** October 16th and November 6th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



# Sports

*Athlete Of The Week...*

## Votzakis Keeps Runnin' Over All In His Path

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

What was the line from Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*? "We come here not to bury Caesar, but to praise him."

In this piece, I'm going to praise a guy who buries people, if at all possible. Now, I know that sounds a bit lofty. But Agawam High running back Jason Votzakis, son of James and Erin Votzakis, can do just that on a football field; bury the defense. This 5'9", 200-pound senior has been doing just that for the last three seasons. He's 17 years-old with 4.58 speed. His running philosophy is "stop me if you can." So far, in his career, not many defenses have. He's a Western Massachusetts athlete on the fast track.

Jason says he likes football because "it's fast." Also, he notes, "My older brother, Jay (an inside linebacker), played at Agawam. He was a captain, like me. He was a positive influence." Jason also has two sisters, Kara and Kristen.

Jason has a lot of memorable moments in his career with the Brownies. But a few stand out. The Holyoke game this year. (One touchdown, 23 carries for 153 yards.) The Cathedral game last year is memorable. He had 192 yards in a 34-34 tie. Then there was the Hoosac game that same season. He fumbled twice, but still picked up 208 yards. His down games: Northampton this year and a big loss to Holyoke last season.

He has an athletic hero. That guy is Bo Jackson. Jason comments, "He has the speed a running back needs to really do the job." When this reporter told him that I'd personally seen Bo in action playing baseball for the White Sox in spring training, he said, "Wow." What I was trying to get across was what I saw; Bo doing a 40-yard sprint. His time was 4.3 consistently. Still, a performance like that isn't a bad goal for a young man's sights.

Jason has talents other than football. He likes to draw. "I'll draw anything, in every medium on any subject." Some of his artwork is displayed at Agawam High. Another thing he likes is school. "It's easy," he says of his college prep program.

What doesn't come so easy for him is football practice: "I don't like the sprints."

### A "Cocky" Attitude?

His attitude borders on cocky. It's something every outstanding running back has to have. "I'm the best out there," he says with conviction. You only have to watch him run to understand where he's coming from. That attitude, coupled with his talent and production, have sowed interest.

UMass has contacted him personally. He has letters from B.C., Holy Cross, Amherst, Boston University, Rutgers, and U.R.I. Those are only a few in his letter folder. But I think you can see from that sampling that he has a good cross-section of schools vying for his talents. His solid 3.0 grade point average won't scare away any school. He'd like to go Division I-AA, or if things go right, Division I. But he adds with emphasis, "I don't want to sit on the bench. I want to play right away."

When he gets to college, what will be his major? "Graphic arts or computers," he says without a moment's hesitation.

When I asked him how he'd like to be remembered at Agawam High, he didn't hesitate, either: "As a good running back and a kid who didn't get into trouble."

His favorite course at Agawam High is chemistry. "Coach (Dean) Vecchiarelli teaches it." You get the feeling he likes it that way. After all, there is a certain chemistry between a star player and his coach.

Jason's numbers for this season: 47 carries, 385 yards, four touchdowns. And he's only three games in. Any chemistry teacher can understand that mix.

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## Brownie Defense On Fire In Huge 7-0 Upset Over Holyoke

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High's football game last Friday night (September 29th) against Holyoke High was about as good as it gets, if you're an aficionado of defense. The Brownies won it, 7-0, in the Paper City.

It was a game of bone-crunching hits. Most of those hits were delivered on the two marquee players in this game. Agawam's great senior tailback, Jason Votzakis, and the Purple Knights' outstanding junior running back/quarterback, Cedric Washington. Both took the hits. And both, in their own way, delivered.

Votzakis, employing his "give 'em a leg and put it right through 'em" style of running, gained 153 tough yards on 23 carries. He also had the game's lone score, on a five-yard sweep left in the fourth quarter.

Washington, employing his running style (which is more like "give 'em a leg and take it away"), had 70 yards on 18 attempts. Washington also alternated at quarterback, but his evening at that position wasn't that good (10 attempts, three completions for 35 yards). Washington, usually a steady passer, was intercepted three times, twice by AHS senior Brian Colby and once by Dan Bodman.

The play of those two simply keynoted the inspired play of the Brownie defense. Agawam coach Dean Vecchiarelli also noted the outstanding contributions on the "D" by Joe Dilizia (linebacker), Mike Perry (tackle), and Jeff Thomas and Martin Giroux. But on this night, Vecchiarelli could have mentioned all his guys whose job it is to stop the other guy from lugging it over the goal line. After all, Holyoke had scored 80 points in its first two games. They were 2-0. And there was the haunting memory of those 38 points the Brownies had given up to Northampton in their season opener.

This game was the Double A Conference opener for both teams. Let's look at the highlights. Agawam took the opening kickoff at its own 16. Fullback Dom Pisano got the first call and picked up 11 yards. After that, Votzakis started his workday. He gained five up the middle. Then, he got the call again and coughed it up for a loss of five. Agawam recovered. Jason then ran for two, before the center of the Holyoke defensive line straightened him right up. Quarterback Dave Curley (2-5, and 11 yards) then had a one-yard completion to Pisano. But on third and 8, it wasn't nearly enough. Holyoke took over after a bad Brownie punt on the Agawam 45-yard line.

The big crowd at Roberts Field was buzzing. It was Cedric Washington time. The Brownie "D" was ready for anything. On the Purple Knights' first play, they dumped running back Jose Colon for a five-yard loss on a weak end-around. Washington got it next and went into the sharp teeth of the Agawam defense for a gain of three.

He threw an incomplete bomb into good coverage and the Knights punted to the Agawam 20. Then the hitting began.

### The Hitting Begins...

We saw Votzakis gain three on two carries. Raul Diaz, senior Holyoke linebacker, hit Jason and seemed to go right through him. The Brownies had to punt. On Holyoke's next possession, Washington went to work at the Agawam 22. He gained five. He got the call again. But looming right in front of him was 6'2", 230-pound tackle Jeff Thomas. The big guy spiked Washington for a one-yard loss. Thomas wasn't done. Fullback Raul Diaz tried the middle next. Thomas took him down with a vengeance. Holyoke tried to go for it on fourth and three. The Brownie defense rose up and stuffed quarterback Joey Reyes for no gain.

The Brownies took over on their own 13. Pisano hit the middle for three. Votzakis had six over right tackle. The quarter ended.

The start of the second quarter was the key to this game. Even though it was a defensive struggle, the Brownie offense squared up and played the ball control with a little help from their defense. They started out at their own 24-yard line. It was third and one. Votzakis got the call out of the power "I." The Purple Knights' defense burrowed in as he tried the middle. He got a half-yard. With long inches to go, Vecchiarelli (who'll never be accused of a faint heart) decided to go for it on fourth down in the shadow of their own goal posts. The give was to Pisano. He got four.

Then Curley, pressured by the Holyoke rush, tried a 15-yard slant to Bodman. The big senior stretched out but couldn't come up with it. They went back to their bread and butter back. Votzakis took the pitch to the left and got four tough yards. The Brownies took a time out to discuss things. When the got back, Curley calmly tossed a 10-yard completion to Bodman on a third and six play that was a carbon copy of the unsuccessful 15 yarder they'd tried earlier.

Votzakis got the call again gaining four more yards to the Agawam 46. He lugged it again for two more. They had a delay of game called on them with a third and four staring them in the face. Curley's third down pass to Bodman fell short. They punted to the Purple Knight 40. And here's where the Agawam offense got a little help from their friends; the defense. Washington called the signals. He put it up long, on a fly pattern, intended for Jose Colon down the Brownie right side. Right there, however, was Brian Colby, who picked it off like a pro, at the Agawam 24. Thus the Brownie ball control scheme of things began again. They held the ball for the rest of the half. And it ended up 0-0 at halftime.

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### Elm Bait Sport Shop Hires Compound Bow Mechanic

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Bob is the gentleman that you take your bows to be tuned; have a new string put on the old compound; or to sell you a new bow and to match that bow to you, match new arrows to the bow, and to recommend the proper sight just for you.

I have only heard praise for Bob and remarks on how he treated and answered all questions put to him without seeming bored or in a hurry to end a conversation. Stop, and see him, and wish him good luck with the new job.

Bob will work Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kev. i's Sport Shop in Enfield, CT. If you have to get ahold of Bob at the Westfield store, the telephone number is 568-6544; in Enfield, he can be reached by calling 203-745-5120.

The Eastern gray wolf and the mountain lion may be roaming free in the Maine woods once again.

The wolf carcass supplied to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife resembled that of a gray wolf, according to biologist Tom Shoener. However, it's unlikely that DNA testing on the animal will be conclusive because there's no verified Eastern gray wolf DNA to match the new sample against.

A hunter also led biologists to an area in which he'd witnessed a large, tawny-colored cat with a long tail overcome a 30-pound bobcat. At the site, MCIFW officials collected fur samples that—along with the claw marks and canine-tooth bites on the bobcat—may verify the existence of mountain lions in the state for the first time in more than 150 years.

Forty-three miles of the Westfield River (including the state's longest catch-and-release trout area) have been granted federal protection under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The Act protects the Westfield River from local and state development.

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The designation includes 13.8 miles of the west branch of the river, from the center of Becket through the towns of Chester and Middlefield to the Chester-Huntington town line; 12.6 miles of the middle branch, plus .4 miles of Glendale Brook in Worthington and Chester; and 16.5 miles of the east branch from the Cummington-Windsor town line through Chesterfield to Knightville Reservoir in Huntington.

The catch-and-release area is in the east branch and runs from Chesterfield Gorge to Knightville Reservoir.

The Westfield River becomes only the third river in New England to receive the "Wild and Scenic" designation; Maine's Allagash and New Hampshire's Wild Cat Rivers are the others.

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The 1994 Antlerless Deer Permit Allocations are set, and the numbers were drawn September 28th.

The winning numbers are determined by public drawing, and numbers are drawn until the allocation is filled. As a result, the last number drawn for each zone is only a partial winner, and only a percentage of randomly selected applicants with that number will receive a permit.

Allocations and winning numbers (last digit of the hunting or sporting license number) for 1994 antlerless deer permits are:

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7	1,425	2 9 7 0 5	3
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9	2,000	6 2 5 9 4 0	8
10	1,950	all numbers drawn	
11	1,100	2 4 8	3
12	1,550	8 4 9 3 7 6 2 5 0	1
13 **	438	all numbers drawn	
14 **	451	all numbers drawn	

(\* Due to the low size of allocation, there is only a partial winner in Zone 2.)

(\*\*) Zones 13 and 14 would be granted higher allocations, but this is the total number of hunters who applied for these zones.)

An additional 2,350 antlerless permits were also issued for the controlled hunt (now in its fourth year) at Quabbin Reservoir.

Compared to last year, allocations for Zones 1, 2, 3, and 4 were reduced this year; allocations for Zones 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 were increased; all others are the same.

### AHS FOOTBALL - from Page 47...

#### Primed For The Second Half

The Roberts Field faithful were primed for the second half. They felt it was just a matter of time before the Purple Knights opened the flood gates. The Knights got the ball first, on their own 45. It was obvious Holyoke coach Ray Mitchell and his assistants had done some halftime brainstorming. They'd decided to storm the ramparts of the Agawam defense with Washington.

Cedric started out with a five-yard gain. Then he carried for three. Then he got two more for a first down. The Brownies' gang tackled him at their own 35 for no gain. But he kept getting the ball. After Diaz rumbled for four to the Brownie 29, Washington took a pitch right and got four more to the Agawam 25. Diaz fumbled on the next play for a loss of three. Washington got it back, plus one, on a four-yard gain.

It was third and five on the Brownie 20 yard line. Then came what might have been the Purple Knights' best opportunity to set-up a score, Washington, playing quarterback, fell back and delivered a pass to end Fernando Rodriguez, who was as wide open as a receiver can get, at the Brownie five yard line. The throw went into the grass a yard in front of him. Washington tried another throw, this time to Colon. But it wasn't enough for four fresh downs. Holyoke, showing frustration, punted. Agawam could do nothing with this possession. And they punted it away. Holyoke took over at its 43 yard line. But outstanding play by the Brownies' Jeff Thomas and Mike Perry, shut down Washington's attempts to break free. The Purple Knights' ensuing punt set up the drama for this one.

Agawam started at its own 24. Votzakis gained two. It was second and eight at the 26. Then it happened. Votzakis, who'd been bottled up for most of the evening like a fine wine, popped the cork. He took the pitch and headed right.

Led by Pisano and a host of Brownie blockers, he blasted through the Holyoke defense. Once by the initial phalanx of Purple Knight defenders, he erupted into the realm of the Holyoke backfield. Cedric Washington was there.

And from the 50 yard line to paydirt, the footrace was on. Votzakis can run the 40 in 4.6 seconds. He had maybe a yard-and-a-half lead on Washington. The chase was exhilarating. The distance between the two superstars didn't seem to shrink. Everyone was waiting for something to happen. Votzakis tried a little move to the outside. Washington tracked him perfectly. Jason juked back inside. Cedric was there.

Finally, after a chase that seemed to last forever, Washington ran Votzakis down at the Holyoke 5. It was the pinnacle of sport for a moment; two superb athletes all by themselves, one on one. It marked a fine end to the quarter.

The Brownies scored shortly after that. Votzakis brought it in from the three. As it should have been, Washington (coming up from his safety position) was at the point of contact. His big hit on Votzakis wasn't enough. The PAT was good. Agawam led 7-0.

It was now desperation time for Holyoke, who saw its 2-0 record slowly slipping away. This time also saw the Agawam defense come into its own. They would not be denied. In the Purple Knights' two possessions in the final quarter, they brought the ball to the Brownie four yard line where Washington threw a short ball to Reyes in the end zone. And after a short Agawam possession, they brought it down to the Brownie 12. At this point, Washington put it up. It was intended for Reyes. Brian Colby had the perfect read. His leaping interception sealed it.

The Brownies ran out the final minute-and-a-half. The final, Agawam 7-0. The Brownies are now 2-1. Holyoke has the same record.

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## From My Side Of The Field... A Personal Perspective On Sports In The 90's

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

In this crazy world where so many things border on insanity, how do we deal with the young athlete, male or female, who shows a proclivity towards athletic excellence? These kids are the products of varied playing fields. There's the Little League kid who hits the heck out of the ball, or pitches it well enough so the other kids can't hit it.

There's the Pop Warner kid who runs the ball like Jimmy Brown. Though at that young age, he might have the poise of a brownie.

There's the hockey sprite, who was only dust in the eternal wind when Bobby Orr charmed us all. There's the kid who plays hoop every chance he can get while listening to "Basketball Jones" on his Walkman and anticipating those Michael Jordan videos he'll see on the tube once the sun goes down and the lights on the court go out.

There's the little girl who can barely see over the net and has to hold the racquet in both hands to get things done. Yet she'll whip anyone who's foolish enough to think they'll just hit with her while waiting for their partners to show up.

Then there's the kid who picks up a set of ratty, second-hand golf clubs and goes out to some equally ratty public links course and shoots 10 under par.

Parents, I think, must be very sensitive to this. I was never lucky enough to be a parent. But I have the ability to be an observer. Some of your sons and daughters were given the great gift of athletic ability, first by nature; that so-called "Gift from God."

Some of it might have come from your genes. Some of it might have had little to do with genetics at all. Some might have been a product of where you lived. Or maybe you were a wimp and simply badgered the kid into athletic competition as a surrogate for what you could never be. But remember, it makes no difference whether you became a professional athlete or not. You had other considerations which took that opportunity away—like a spouse, a home, a family. It wasn't in the cards for you. But for the little ones, it was there like a carbon copy of what you wanted when you were so young, before the Lucky Strikes and Camels and the Budweisers and Dewers finally got to you.

### Dealing With Athletic Children...

Now please, don't think I'm putting you down. My basic premise here is how do you deal with your talented son or daughter, no matter how they came about that talent. I'll say right here, you can go three ways. The first is the Little League Parent Syndrome. You go there and berate every bad move the kid makes. You add the umpire into that mix. You become like the father of tennis star Mary Pierce. He made her life hell. She could have been the best in the world, but he chose to live through her. It was a talent destroyed because of him.

You could say the hell with it and berate sports as the bane of your son or daughter's existence. You give it only a cursory glance over your shoulder. That's as bad as being a "Little League" parent. Because that's ignoring a part of a person's life that demands to be shared.

Or you could do this; be as supportive as you can be. Don't qualify. See the talent and remember that that kid needs all the positive help he or she can get. Molding talent requires construction, not destruction. In the end, that young person will decide the course they'll have to take.

Wouldn't it be nice to sit in the stands and watch that person win a World Series, an NBA Championship, a Stanley Cup, a Super Bowl, a U.S. Golf or Tennis Open, a Wimbledon crown, or any of the multitude of titles that are available to be won.

Wouldn't it be a nice feeling to realize that you did it the old-fashioned way ... with love and understanding!

## AHS Ski Parents Plan Car Wash/Bake Sale

The Agawam High School Ski Team Parents Association will hold a car wash and bake sale on Saturday, October 8th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Sacred Heart Church parking lot in Feeding Hills.

The donation is \$2 per vehicle. Please come out and support your AHS skiers.

## Agawam Youth Football Battles Tough Springfield North Teams

The young Agawam Junior Warriors suffered a tough defeat by the Junior Lions of Springfield, 38-6. Even though the Agawam team was outsize at every position, the Agawam youngsters never gave up.

Brian Santinello rushed over right tackle for a five-yard score in the fourth quarter. He led all Warrior rushers with 20 yards on four carries.

Other Agawam runners on Sunday, October 2nd, were Jesse Kelleher, Joe Lancour, Mike Graveline, and Ryan Lottermoser. QB Joe Lancour and end Matt Dion connected on three passes for 40 yards.

The Springfield Lions' speedy backs kept the Warrior defense busy all day. Mike Bonesteel, Matt Dion, and Brian Santinello each had three tackles; they were followed in tackles by Peter Forastiere, Jeff Zucco, Matt Shea, Jeff Robinson, Tony Liquori, Andy Siana, Brian Pedersen, and Bill Menard.

Andy Siana recovered a Springfield fumble in the third quarter. Coaches Bill Menard and Jerry Burke made sure every junior player gained valuable playing experience on Sunday.

The Agawam senior team could well be 3-4 or even 4-0 instead of 1-3 except for a few bad breaks. Coach Bill Blebel said he felt snakebitten after Sunday's victory was snatched away from his team in the last few seconds.

The Springfield Lions' slim margin of victory came on a safety. The first half was a battle of the defenses. Agawam had only three yards rushing. The first-half Springfield score came on a 50-yard run up the middle by the fleet-footed Lion back;

the Warriors denied the extra points.

The Agawam offense came right back. A.J. Skowyra caught a Brian St. Jean pass for 27 yards. However, the Springfield Lions' defense pushed back the Warrior drive. The Warriors took charge as the second half unfolded.

Jim Dziedzina caught an 18-yard TD pass from QB Mike Buoniconti. Mike scored next on an 11-yard quarterback keeper. However, an unfortunate pass interference call led to a Springfield score that tied the game.

The fourth quarter safety by Springfield proved the difference. The hard-hitting Agawam defensive players—Jim Dziedzina, Vinny Buoniconti, Ryan Drobot, Bob Fuller, and Eric Preston—recovered five Springfield fumbles. Brian St. Jean had a fourth-quarter interception as well.

Mike Buoniconti led the defense with seven tackles. He was followed by Brian Gallagher, Jerry Graves, Bob Fuller, Matt Slattery, Mike Blevins, Eric Preston, Brian St. Jean, Mike Martin, Russ Smith, Vinny Buoniconti, Rob Liard, Mark Pedraza, and Derrick Hebert.

Offensively, A.J. Skowyra was the leading Agawam rusher and receiver. Shawn Biebel and Mike Martin made some key receptions. Sunday's Agawam runners included Mike Buoniconti, Jim Dziedzina, Ryan Drobot, Matt Slattery, Russ Smith, and Brian St. Jean.

The Warriors travel to Northampton this Saturday night, October 8th.

The next home game is Sunday, October 16th, against the Holyoke Knights. Please come out and support your local players and cheerleaders.

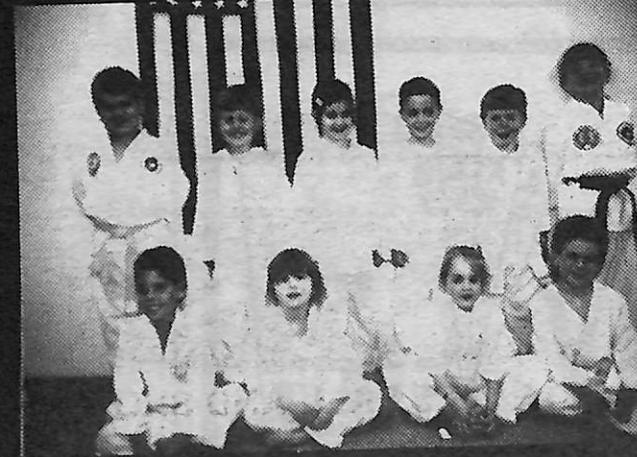
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# AHS JV & Frosh Roundup...

by Brian Colby  
Advertiser News Correspondent

## FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

This week in freshmen football, the young'ns pulled off a nice 8 to zip victory against Holyoke. Their record now stands at 2-0 with Chicopee coming up this week.

**Jamal Hankierson** had the big play of the day as he ran the ball up the middle 30 yards for the one touchdown of the day. **Eric Melbourne** then converted on the two points to make it 8-0.

From there on, it was a defensive battle as **Ian Lane** came up big with a QB sack, and **Eric Melbourne** also had an interception. Agawam also stopped Holyoke on third and fourth and goal inside the five!

"We played well, but not as well as we could of," says **Mark Graveline**.

## JV FOOTBALL

The junior varsity football team was downed 14-6 last week by the Purple Knights of Holyoke. Their record is currently 1-2.

For Agawam, the touchdown came from **Kevin Perrault** as he squirmed up the middle for a five-yard score. Unfortunately, that would be it for the Agawam offense.

The defense, however, played well, as the only scores by Holyoke came after turnovers. **Phil McGeoghan** had a key ingredient for Agawam on one drive.

"The defense played really, really well, but two big turnovers killed us, though," said player **Jay DeGray**.

## JV BOYS' SOCCER

The junior varsity boys' soccer team has been rolling over opponents, as the Brownies are cruising at two wins, one loss over these past three games. The Brownies defeated Northampton 5-1 and Longmeadow 1-0, but were downed by Minnechaug 4-1.

The offense has been on fire with **Jaimie Pliska**, **Todd Jorgenson**, and **Steve Rovithis** constantly putting the ball in the net.

**Brian O'Quinn** (freshman) has been helping out on offense (two goals) as well as playing goalie. Also on the strong defensive side are **Mike Forastiere**, **Todd Godfrey**, and **Tony Altano**.

"Except for Minnechaug, we're playing some of our best soccer," said player **Dan Siano**.

## FRESHMEN BOYS' SOCCER

The frosh boys finally got their first win by defeating Minnechaug 2-1 this week, but were downed by both Longmeadow and Cathedral.

The offense with such talented players as **Ryan Grealis**, **Jay Hanscom**, and **Mike Beaudry** is on the up-and-up.

The young defense is gaining experience under

the skills of **Kevin McKay** and **Jack Biscoe**.

"We're a very enthusiastic team, and we're beginning to play better soccer," says player **Mike Beaudry**.

## JV GIRLS' SOCCER

Since last week's issue, the junior varsity girls' soccer team has been mostly on the practice field, as the locals have only played one game. They did, however, play outstanding in that one game as they defeated East Longmeadow, 3-1.

The offense has been strong, led by such talented players as **Amber Paradysz**, **Kristen Tierney**, and **Tara Grealis** (who each had a goal in the East Longmeadow game).

Chipping in on defense were **Sarah Cote**, **Jamie Thomas**, and **Steph Eig**, all of whom have played marvelous soccer so far.

"We're playing great!" said an enthusiastic **Kristen Tierney**.

## FRESHMEN GIRLS' SOCCER

The freshmen girls' soccer team has been on a tear lately, going 6-2 on the season thus far. Last week, they defeated Amherst 6-1 and Ludlow 4-0!

The offense has been kickin' with such players as leading scorer **Jenn Buendo**, **Jessica Roy**, **Amy Loudfoot**, and **Linda Roy**, while the defense has been rock-solid with the likes of **Cheryl Lanier**, **Nikki Lawson**, and **Vanessa Galluzzo** keeping the opposing forwards far and away.

"We have a lot of team unity, and we go out there on the field and get things done," says **Cheryl Lanier**.

## JV FIELD HOCKEY

The junior varsity field hockey team has played well, as they won two of their last three games by defeating East Longmeadow (1-0) and Smith Academy (3-1). Their season record is now 3-2-2.

The offense has been controlled by **Diane Parslow** (two goals), **Stephanie Fleming** (one goal), and **Allie Pratt**, while the usually stiff "D" has come from **Megan McHenry** and **Leslie Kida**, among others.

## FRESHMEN GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

The freshmen field hockey team has been struggling scoring goals, although they have been playing well. They lost their only game last week, 1-0 to Smith Academy.

**Katie Antaya** played well on offense, as did **Ali Scherban**.

The defense was anchored with such people as **Elisa Shea** and **Shauna Hadden**.

"We have a good team with a good coach; we just haven't caught a break yet," says freshman player **Maria Giordano**.

## Schoolboy Football...

# 3-0 South Hadley Next Grid Foe; AHS At Home

by **Dave Rollins**  
Sports Editor

This Friday night (October 7th), the 2-1 Brownies will be up against it again, facing another undefeated team. This time around it will be South Hadley in the home opener.

The Tigers will come into town sporting a 3-0 record. The two teams haven't played since 1983. Brownies' Coach **Dean Vecchiarelli** observes that South Hadley, despite being a small team, is an unknown quantity. "That will make them tough," he says.

South Hadley High does boast a big, strong quarterback in **Matt Desaultels** (6'3", 190 pounds). Desaultels has a good receiver in senior halfback **Kevin Marion** (5'10", 160 pounds). Vecchiarelli says, "Desaultels is an option quarterback. With his size and arm, that makes him dangerous against any defense."

Also, the Tigers are a veteran team, full of juniors and seniors (coming off a 2-8 season last year). They also have a new coach in **Steve Dubilo**. They make up for their lack of size with a lot of misdirection plays. Their strong suit is getting their top scatback, junior **Dan Bokuniewicz** (5'9", 170 pounds), to the outside. He had 130 yards last week against Amherst.

Vecchiarelli has a big worry about this one. His Brownies are coming off an emotional win over Holyoke, a powerful squad. It was a game for the defense. He's worried about the team's mind set. Did they leave it all back at Roberts Field?

He also has injuries. Senior guard **Matt Christy** has a knee problem that is day to day. **Mike Perry**, an outstanding linebacker, might have to fill in there. **Dan Bodman**, their 6'3", 190-pound wide receiver, is also nicked; he has a bad bicep. That's not good for a guy who has to extend for passes. **Jason Votzakis** has an ankle problem. Forget it. Jason would play in a coma, if he could.

The two teams have a common opponent this season—Amherst. The Brownies beat them two weeks ago, 25-6. Last week, the Tigers did the same, 34-24. Amherst has a strong running game, albeit a young one. The Hurricanes' **Summer Hazard** ran for 244 yards and two scores against South Hadley. The Brownies "D" held him to just 70 yards and a score in their meeting.

Vecchiarelli stresses, "You beat the teams you should beat. We should beat the Tigers." This reporter feels the same way. The game is this Friday evening (October 7th), beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Harmon Smith Field.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Attention Frosh and JV coaches: Brian Colby can be contacted at Agawam High School with your scores, stats, and comments. Please contact Brian at AHS today.

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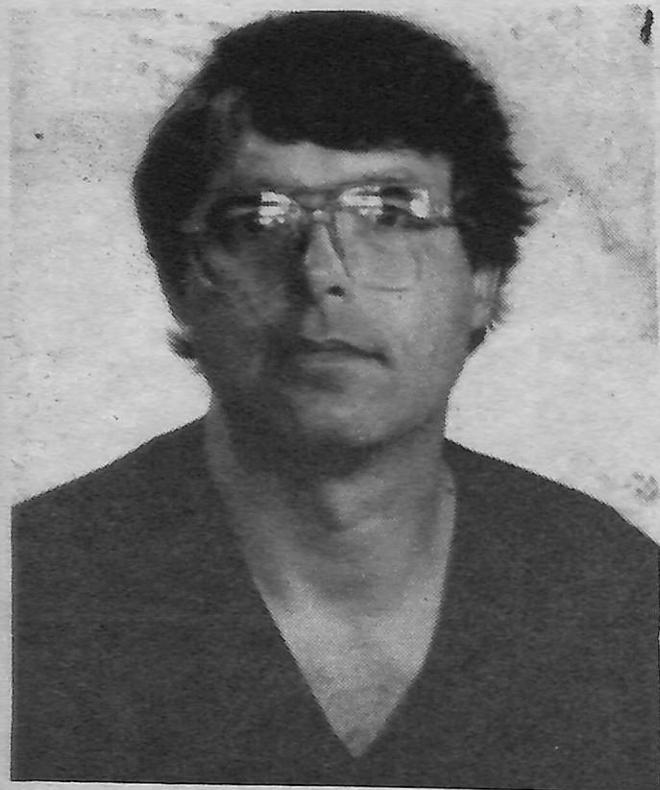
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AAN SPORTS EDITOR DAVE ROLLINS

## Rollins Named As AAN Sports Editor

The *Agawam Advertiser News* has named David Rollins of Agawam as its new sports editor.

Rollins will be responsible for covering varsity sports at Agawam High School, writing a weekly column, and profiling outstanding athletes at AHS. He will also write special features on people in the community who are involved in sports.

Rollins brings a wide range of experience into his new position.

His resume includes much experience in sports radio, including WNCR in Worcester, WNEB in Worcester, WGTR in Worcester, and from September 1986 to November 1990, he was sports director at WHYN Radio 56 in Springfield.

While there, he directed the sports department of the most prominent radio station in Western Mass. His responsibilities included the programming of a variety of sports activities and coordinating all on-air sports programming.

He also conducted a one to two hour radio sports talk show called *Talking Sports* each weeknight evening at WHYN.

After leaving WHYN, he was employed by Quadra Communications in Ware and was involved in local news reporting, researching and writing of stories, and play-by-play of local sports and anchoring on-site community activities.

A graduate of Shrewsbury High School, he received his associates of arts degree from Central New England College and a bachelor's degree from the State University of Arkansas.

## Tri-Parish Bowlers Open New Season

The famous Tri-Parish League Bowling season is underway at the Agawam Bowl on Walnut Street Extension. And many of the same faces that have rolled in this league over the years are back, as well as several new bowlers in this Monday night league.

In the first week of rolling, Georgetown (1st place/4 wins), led by famous captain DEBBIE POIRIER, rolled right past St. Anselm (8th place/no wins) in a clean sweep.

G-Town winners included VI MASSOIA (252), DON STITT (272), and Captain DEBBIE POIRIER, a 315-280 conquerer of LOU MULDREW.

Second place Fordham (3 wins) took-out Boston College (7th place-1 win), three wins to one. Fordham winners were MARY THOMAS (293) and DON STITT, JR. (280). Stitt Jr. defeated BC Captain JOHN MLINEK (274). The two winners for Fordham were TINA FRAPPIER (251) and JEAN BUONICONTI (288).

St. Louis (two wins) and Holy Cross (two wins) split in the opening week. St. Lou winners were AUDREY PHILLIPS (247), TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (309), and BILLY ALDRICH (252). The only Fordham winner was DORIS FORTIER (246).

In the final match of the night, third place Notre Dame (3 wins) defeated 6th place St. Mary (1 win). ND winners were DOT DREWAINY (243) and JOHN LONCRINI (302). ND Captain FLO ROCKFORD and St. Mary's Captain STEVE BONESTEEL each rolled 310 in a most competitive match.

The only winner for St. Mary was reliable leadoff STELLA BARBIERI (265).

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Officers for the Tri-Parish Bowling League in 1994-95 include Jay Lagoditz, president; Jean Buoniconti, treasurer; Debbie Poirier, secretary, and Jo Lango, corresponding secretary.

## Agawam Soccer Assoc. STANDINGS (As Of October 2nd)

### UNDER 10 BOYS' TEAMS

	W	L	T	P
Frank Borgatti	6	1	0	13
Phil LeClair	6	1	0	13
Mike Knodler	4	2	0	10
Bob Sabola	3	4	0	10
Bill Hayden	2	4	1	8
Roger Martin	1	6	0	8
Chris Roos	1	5	1	7

### UNDER 12 BOYS' TEAMS

	W	L	T	P
Campana's Yellow Jackets	6	2	0	14
McLean's Green Machine	6	1	1	13
Adamski's Red Devils	5	2	1	12
Pilegi's Orange Crush	3	5	0	11
Chretien's Blue Lightning	3	3	2	9
Drewniak's Maroon Marauders	2	4	2	8
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## Agawam Soccer Association Holds Annual Jamboree



AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION MEMBERS Jim Limbert and Bill Faust were selling Agawam sweatshirts throughout the two-day Jamboree held at Agawam High School October 1st and 2nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS of the Agawam Soccer Association participate in their Jamboree game last Saturday at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Riverside Speedway Ready To "Haunt" The Racing Fans!

Riverside Park Speedway is getting "spooked" for a haunting good time. It's **Halloween Madness**, scheduled for Saturday, October 29th, at 6:00 p.m. (rain or shine).

This Halloween party event is loaded with goodies! The event will offer real racing: Legends, Pro 4 Modifieds, Strictly Stocks, Mini Stocks, plus Super Stocks, police races, and trucks. And this is still not all; there's the Halloween full-size Enduro, death-defying Figure 8 racing, the four-cylinder Enduro, 4x4 Monster car-crushing, half-ton pickup truck racing, and much more.

For the kids, it's a Halloween trackside costume contest. For participants ages 12 and under, the costume that is judged the overall best by the fans will receive a trophy and \$100 in cash. Kids who are eight years of age and under and dressed in a full Halloween costume will be admitted to the races free (starting at 5:00 p.m., South Gate only). To be a part of the contest, parents must attend with the children and pay the race-day adult price of just \$12.99. (This contest will also be held rain or shine.)

Enduro drivers in the full-size or four-cylinder events who come dressed in costume will also be judged in a race driver's costume contest. The winner will be chosen by the fans and will receive \$100 for their effort. (Yes, "real" race drivers are eligible to compete in this costume contest!) \*\*\*

Entry for the Saturday, October 29th Halloween Madness Enduro is being taken **BY MAIL ONLY**; the entry fee is \$10 in advance for the full-size and four-cylinder Enduros.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB operated the food concession at the Agawam Soccer Association's Annual Jamboree at Agawam High School last weekend. From left - Cindy Sanford, Ann Woodard, Eva Jack, and Sue Hoague. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE LITTLE KIDS in the Instructional League of the Agawam Soccer Association participate in their Jamboree game on Saturday, October 1st at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Final Standings For Riverside Park Speedway

## MODIFIEDS

Chris Kopec	440
Dan Avery	414
Steve Park	360
Reggie Ruggiero	352
Brian Schofield	332
Stan Greger	294
Richard Savary	288
Doug Meservey	254
Eddy Spiers	226
Bob Gegetskas	222
Tom Jensen	214
Dave Berube	192
Jim Houghton	184
Bruce D'Alessandro	178
Brian Miller	148

## PRO STOCKS

Dave Caruso	422
Tom Carey	374
John Lobo	374
Tom Fearn	372
Barry Gray	282
Eddy Carroll	272
Bill Lauridsen	252
Jeff Horn	238
Scott Bouley	236
Ed Carroll	228
Lou Prior	224
Ted Hebert	186
Dave Berube	182
Sumner Chapman	178
Rick Turcotte	148

## LATE MODELS

Gary Fioramanti	458
Gee Perry	426
Chuck Docherty	398
Glenn Griswold	354
Ted Chalmers	350
Fred LaForge	314
Marty Leary	280
Joe Czarnecki	272
Rick Hartenstein	200
Gene McClain	196
Rocco Mazziotto	194
Paul Dipisa	190
Steve Fifield	190
Brian Merchant	176
Wayne Coury	164

## STRICTLY STOCKS

Rob Valerio	558
Roger Fujimoto	484
Chuck Allessio	444
Scott Neleber	432
Vinnie Buonocore	410
Al Leone	388
Herb Carlon	348
Todd Owen	334
Joe Arena	318
Roy Houle	316
Ken Marques	314
Bruce Battles	258
Jay Miller	230
P.J. Pelc	198
Larry Bouchard	198

## PRO 4 MODIFIEDS

George Savary	230
Jerry Solomito	206
Renee Dupuis	186
Ken Hirt	170
Paul Lamonica	140

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## Final Snap-On-Tools Point Series

### MODIFIEDS

Dan Avery	76	Gee Perry	62
Chris Kopec	72	Fred LaForge	60
Richard Savary	64	Glenn Griswold	60
Brian Schofield	62	Martin Leary	58
Reggie Ruggiero	50	Gary Fioramanti	56

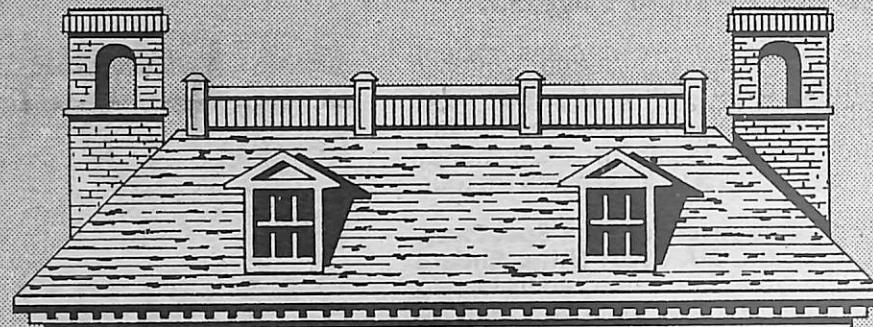
### PRO STOCKS

Barry Gray	76	Rob Valerio	74
Ed Carroll	74	Roger Fujimoto	66
Tom Fearn	68	Chuck Allessio	60
Sumner Chapman	62	Larry Bouchard	54
Tom Carey	60	Vin Buonocore	50

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Tee times start at 10:00 a.m. and there will be plenty of food and refreshments all day long. At the first tee (before the first starting time), sausage, onions, and peppers on a Vienna roll will be served, in addition to cold cuts, bread, and other refreshments. There will be cold cuts and refreshments available at various tees throughout the course. This is a tournament of fun and golf!

Under new management this year, the cost is \$35 per person, which includes a cart and green fees. This fundraiser is in memory of Ruth Borgatti, who succumbed to the disease in 1973.

On October 1st, Gubby Borgatti, Tom & Adrienne Franco, and Don Belliview went to New Castle, Pennsylvania and presented the National Foundation with a check for \$5,000 which made them the highest contributor in the area.

All proceeds contributed were earned by two pizza and beer parties, a chicken BBQ, and two Italian Open golf tourneys.

The committee, who worked hard putting in unselfish time and effort, hope to have the same amount for 1995. To this date, the cause for scleroderma has not been found, but scientists and doctors around the nation are working and testing every day to find this cause and hopefully, there will be a solution soon.

All the friends of scleroderma research who attend these events not only enjoy the benefit, but also hope for a solution.

To make reservations, call Tom Fresco at Agawam Country Club at 786-2194 or Gubby at 786-2834. Twenty four-somes or 100 people is the goal of this wonderful and dedicated committee so all are asked to participate. Thanks to *The Agawam Advertiser News* and Agawam Country Club for their support and cooperation.

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The rules are simple: remove all glass (except the windshield) and all chrome; leave stock seat with complete seatbelts; bolt or weld all doors and install one simple, hoop-type roll bar; paint your number on and go racing for prize money (\$1,000 total purse for full-size; \$500 purse for four-cylinder).

To enter, send \$10 to **Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn: Enduro Entry - Mary)**. List your full name, address, zip code, phone number, and car, plus your Enduro preference (full-size or four-cylinder).

To enhance the fans' involvement in this event even further, they will choose the car which they feel has the best Halloween-themed paint job, and the driver of that fan-picked car will receive \$100 plus a trophy. So, the more fans a competitor brings, the better their chances of winning.

What's more, even the Demo will take on a wild new look, as the lights will go on-and-off during the event in blackout fashion. Therefore, you can see that Riverside's "Halloween Madness" will make for the best Halloween party of them all!

AH race divisions will qualify in the afternoon. The pits open at 11:00 a.m., and it is estimated that the evening's festivities will be over by 9:45 p.m. Adults are priced at just \$12.99 each, and kids (12 and under) are \$2.99. Remember, kids eight and under who are in costume and are accompanied by an adult are admitted free and are eligible to compete in the \$100 costume contest.

Don't miss this rain-or-shine event—the "Halloween Madness" Riverside Enduro on Saturday, October 29th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

For further information, call the speedway at (413) 786-9300.

*For copies of his photos in this edition of the Agawam Advertiser News, please call our photographer, Jack Devine, at his Agawam number — 789-0053.*

## Brownie Girls Bow To Londmeadow, 4-2, In Recent High School Soccer Action

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Be forewarned. Any soccer team that goes into Londmeadow will suffer the consequences. That's what happened last Tuesday night to our Lady Brownies. They went in and came out with a 4-2 loss.

Things went downhill early for Agawam. Remember, they're playing without two stars: senior forward Dina DeMarco has been out all season with a knee injury. And junior midfielder Erica Schlaffer is gone as well. She suffered an anterior cruciate ligament in her knee against East Londmeadow last week. It's a complete tear; she's out for the season.

So, with some empty chambers in the gun, our Brownies invaded the Londmeadow soccer domain. They got an early wake-up call. At 33:04, senior midfielder Rachel Allen split the Brownie defense and swooped in on Agawam goalie Melissa Troie. Troie, a sophomore and a fine keeper, had no chance because she had no defense in front of her. Allen blasted it past her on the long side. Make it 1-0 Londmeadow.

One thing was obvious early on. The Londmeadow girls play the same type of soccer played by the Londmeadow boys. They are a bang-bang club. They don't play boot-ball. Every pass has a purpose to it. Every play they start is aimed at a score. Agawam coach Bill O'Brien summed it up: "They got to the ball before us. The team on the ball wins the game. Tonight, they were the better team."

O'Brien, whose team is 4-3-1 in the Coombs Division, saw his club go down 2-0 at 4:46 in the first half. Londmeadow swarmed the Brownie net again. Junior forward Samantha Ryall came out smelling like a rose. She emerged from a gang fight in front of the Agawam goal and, with a nice assist from midfielder Sara Beth Mushok, banged in a score on the short side.

Once again, the Brownie defense collapsed. Troie was left to swing in the breeze. She had no chance. The half ended 2-0 Londmeadow. They had six shots on goal. Agawam had but two.

### Agawam Gears Up Defense In Second Half

The second half saw Agawam gear up their defense. Londmeadow showed their speed. They broke in on the Brownie goal time and again. Senior forward Rachel Allen had a rush at 35:12. Her shot (past all of the Agawam defenders) went wide. If it had been on net, it would have been a score.

Then, at 32:19, Troie showed how good a keeper she is and will be. Londmeadow junior forward Jenna Szyluk geared left and came in on Troie. It was one on one at 32:19. Szyluk drove a fastball to the right. Troie, anticipating all the way, tracked it down. She took it in the chest and face. She held on.

Agawam tried to come back. At 29:04, freshman Kristen Patterson—on a running kick down the middle—beat junior keeper Angie Napolie. It stood at 2-1 Londmeadow.

Then, at 20:50 of the half, the definitive goal of the game emerged. It was a thing of beauty for the Londmeadow offense. It was a thing of necessary defense for Agawam.

Londmeadow forward Katie Heaps was cruising the left side at 20:50 when she got the ball right on her foot 20 yards from the Brownie goal. Troie, once again without defensive help, did the only thing a keeper can do in a situation like that: she came out a long way in an attempt to cut down any angle.

It was a classic confrontation of goalie and attacker. The goalie almost always loses. Heaps faked out Troie, went around her left side, and stuck it in an empty net. Londmeadow went 3-1.

This one was over. Rachel Allen had another score for Londmeadow at 13:17. Cindy Alfano put Agawam on the board at 6:14 of the final period. But the final in this one was 4-2 Londmeadow.

The Brownies, with their current record, now have to win four out of their last nine games to qualify for the playoffs. O'Brien says it's a goal they can reach. But they can't take any future opponent lightly.

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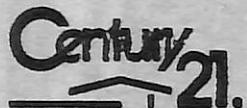
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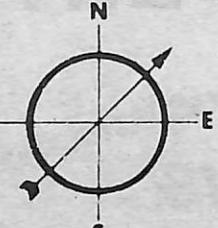
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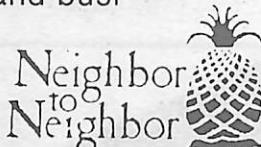
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**WANTED:** Looking for someone to do some Exterior Z Bricking. Will furnish all material. Looking for labor only. Southwick. Call 569-5883.

**HELP WANTED:** 14 openings due to expansion. Local company has full/part time openings; \$9 up to \$15 to start. No experience necessary. Training provided, advancement potential, some flexibility. For application details, call 733-0057.

**HOME HEALTH AIDS WANTED:** Kids back in school? Now's the time to supplement your income for Christmas shopping or a nice winter vacation. Work 8 hours a week or 40; YOU decide! We have openings for CERTIFIED Home Health Aides throughout the area, probably near you. Call today. INTERIM HEALTHCARE, 734-6900.

**HELP WANTED:** Earn up to \$500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. Info 1-504-646-1700 DEPT. MA-1216.

**CHILDCARE GIVER NEEDED:** Twice weekly for 3 children in my Suffield home. Own transportation. (203) 668-6773.

**HELP WANTED:** We are a new company—progressive, different, and growing at a rapid rate. Leadership needed. Part-time positions also available. Call for interview. 737-5758.

**BABYSITTER WANTED:** For three afternoons a week in my home. Must have own transportation and be responsible, reliable, and mature. Tuesday thru Thursday, 1:00 to 5:00/5:30. Call 789-3577 and leave message.

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE—CHEST-NUTS, NATIVE GROWN:** 1-10 lbs., \$1.50 per lb.; 11 lbs & up, \$1.25 per lb. 852 North Stone St., West Suffield, CT, (203) 668-2583. Call ahead for large orders.

**FAMILY MOVING SALE:** 63 Blacksmith Rd., Feeding Hills. Sat., 10/8, 10-4. Household items, children's things, craft items, and more.

**FOR SALE:** NEW Queen size sleeper couch. Retail \$1,289 for \$500; NEW lounge chair. Retail \$279 for \$150; maple dinette & hutch, \$350. Call 789-0047.

**FOR SALE:** Like new Queen bed; set of bowling balls w/case; exercise bike. Call 786-0536 after 5 p.m.

**CLOSE OUT ON ALL CRAFT AND FURNITURE INVENTORY:** 35 to 70% off all remaining crafts & furniture. Jim's Floors & More, 351 Walnut St. Ext., Agawam.

**FOR SALE:** Dig your own hemlock & white pine—\$5.00 to \$20.00. Evenings & weekends. Tel. (203) 668-2772 or (203) 668-7639.

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Colonial—redecorated, natural wood. 3 BR; eat-in kitchen; some new appliances; DR; Ig. LR; cedar closet; porches; brick patio; private flowered yard; garage; vinyl sided. Aga. owner. \$117,500. 786-9011.

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## TAG SALE

## FOR RENT

**TAG SALE:** Sun. (Oct. 9th) & Mon. (Oct. 10th), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ONLY.

"THOMAS THE TRAIN" complete bedroom items plus more, boys' bike, rabbit cage, sofa, dresser, crystal, wok, plants, and much more. 1485 Suffield St. Unit No. 17.

**TAG SALE:** Sat. & Sun., Oct. 8th & 9th, 10 AM to 3 PM. 110 Raymond Circle (off Main Street), Agawam. Household items, Christmas decorations, 1936 G.E. refrigerator, and much more!

**NEIGHBORHOOD TAG SALE:** Franklin & Lincoln St. Sat. & Sun., Oct. 8 & 9, 10-4 (Rain date Oct. 15 & 16).

Tools, toys, antiques, furniture, huge 50% clothes sale (kids and adults), household, baby items, crib, playpen, stroller, surprises for all!

**GIANT 5 FAMILY TAG SALE:** Oct. 8 & 9, 9:00 - 3:00: 875 River Rd., Agawam. Something for everyone. Bike trailer, toys, clothing, bedding, pillows, plants, baskets, household items. NO EARLY BIRDS.

**TAG SALE:** Oct. 8 & 9, 102 Country Rd., off Rowley St. Furniture, housewares, baby items.

**HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENT:** Large hall, centrally located. Seats 200 auditorium style; 125 for meals. Stage.

Suitable for receptions, instructional programs and more. For information, call 786-7544.

**ROOM TO RENT:** Feeding Hills—Large furnished room on bus line. Kitchen, bath, and yard privileges. Call 786-9105.

## PERSONAL

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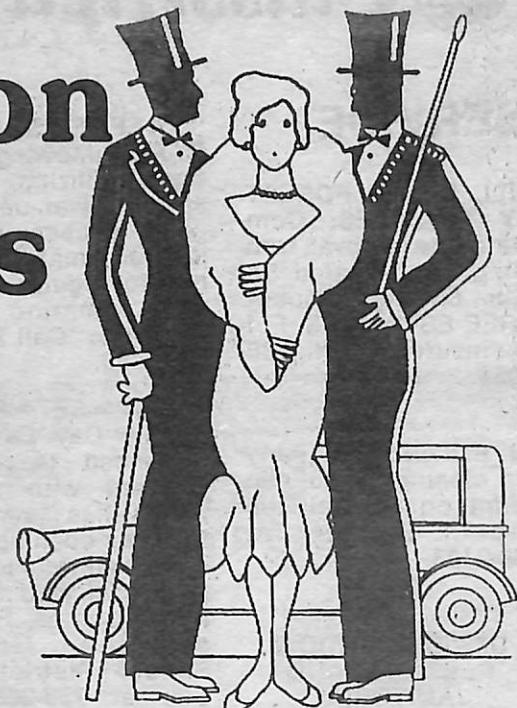
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# Evening Of Information On Riverside Park's Proposal For Riverboat Gaming

Come & Get Your Questions Answered



"I wonder if people realize that in getting the riverboat in Agawam that the town will benefit tremendously in capital improvements, for example, new schools or a fire station, and it will not come out of our property taxes."

"Concerned Agawam Voter"

"I hope people will at least come and hear the proposal before they decide. So much has been put into the research, keeping it a family-run operation, having adequate parking so that the traffic is kept off the streets. It is vital to the future of Riverside. I would only hope people find out about the proposal and make an educated vote."

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# Riverside Park "Old & New"

A musical presentation of the life of Ed & Mary Carroll by their daughter Patti and a view into the future plans for an entertainment complex & the "Riverbell II" by Edward J. Carroll Jr.

**Free to the public**

**7:00 p.m.,**

**Wednesday, Oct. 26th**  
**At**  
**The Oaks**

"As a local employer Riverside has always been here for us. Times are changing and it's inevitable that complexes like Foxwood are the entertainment of the future. I would want to see it at Riverside because I know they will be responsible to the community as they have in the past."

Agawam Resident

"If Springfield gets a casino in the city, people will still use our roads to get there. We will then end up with all of the problems and none of the revenue or benefits."

Agawam Resident

"Don't oppose the Riverside proposal without investigating it. Go and see the top-class facility at Foxwood and realize what it's done for the economy. We could have this locally. It's not an Atlantic City being proposed. It's something that fits into our community."

Local Business Owner